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NEARBY

School receives bomb threat, declared a hoax

BENGALURU

Panic gripped the management of National Hill View Public School in Rajarajeshwarinagar when the staff checked an email which stated that a bomb had been planted on the premises around 8.30 a.m. on Monday After over 1.5 hours of thorough combing operation, it was concluded that the email was a hoax.

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Row over GST: Oppn. calls it a blow to the poor

BENGALURU

As the GST on several items, especially pre-packaged food, came into force on Monday, the Opposition Congress and the JD (S) attacked the BJP for causing distress among the poor and middle class who are already affected by rising prices.

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'Beggary Act will be enforced strictly in State'

BENGALURU

Social Welfare Minister Kota Srinivas Poojary on Monday said the government would strictly enforce the Karnataka Prohibition of Beggary Act, 1975, in the State to put an end to begging. The department has identified 50 to 70 areas in Bengaluru where beggary is rampant.

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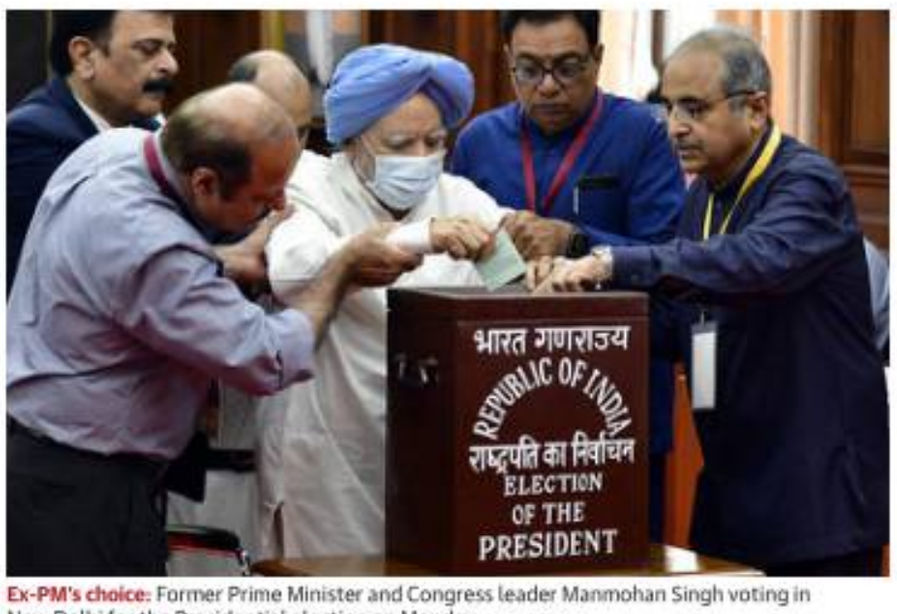
Amid 99% polling, Murmu bags a few Opposition votes

Presidential election held across 31 locations; counting to take place on Thursday

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Presidential election held on Monday was "peaceful and orderly", with more than 99% members of the electoral college voting to elect the 15th President of the country. The contest is between the ruling National Democratic Alliance's (NDA) Droupadi Murmu and the Opposition candidate Yashwant Sinha. Though there was no whip, a few Opposition members claimed to have voted for Ms. Murmu in various States.

Talking to reporters after the polling, Returning Officer and Secretary General of the Rajya Sabha P.C. Mody said the poll was conducted in a peaceful and orderly manner in all the designated voting centres all over the country. He said out of the 736 electors, comprising 727 MPs and nine MLAs who were registered to vote at Parliament House, eight MPs did not exercise their right to vote. "The total electoral turnout was 99.18%," Mr. Mody said.



Ex-PM's choice: Former Prime Minister and Congress leader Manmohan Singh voting in New Delhi for the Presidential election on Monday. • R.V. MOORTHY

Ballot boxes trickle in

Sealed ballot boxes will reach Delhi from Monday evening itself. Parliament security service is coordinating with the Delhi police, airport authorities and other security forces to oversee the transfer of the ballot boxes to Parliament from various centres. The counting will take place at Room No. 63 of the Parliament House on Thursday from 11 a.m.

The Election Commission (EC) said in a statement that the polling concluded successfully in a free, fair and transparent manner at the Parliament House and in each of the 30 places of poll in State Legislative Assemblies, including the Legislative Assembly of NCT of Delhi and the Union Territory of Puducherry. The polling took place at 31 locations between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

4,796 eligible voters

A total of 4,796 electors were eligible to vote, as two members (Anant Kumar Singh and Mahendra Hari Dalvi) were not eligible due to disqualification under the Representation of the People Act, 1951, and five Rajya Sabha seats and six State Assembly seats were vacant, the EC said.

"As per reports being received, out of a total of 771 Members of Parliament entitled to vote (5 vacant) and similarly out of total 4,025 Members of the Legislative Assemblies entitled to vote (6 vacant and 2 disqualified), over 99% cast their votes," the EC said.

"However, 100% voting by MLAs was reported from Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Puducherry, Sikkim and Tamil Nadu," the EC added.

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SC asks U.P. not to take action against Zubair without its nod

Court flays 'vicious cycle' of cases against him in the State

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday said the "vicious cycle" of cases filed by the Uttar Pradesh Police against Alt News co-founder Mohammed Zubair for his tweets seem to have "similar content" and ordered the State not to take any precipitate action against him without its permission.

A Bench of Justices D.Y. Chandrachud and A.S. Bopanna has effectively thrown a protective cloak around the fact-checker till his petition for regular bail comes up before it for hearing on July 20.

Mohammed Zubair

The order comes even as a court in Hathras in Uttar Pradesh heard arguments on Monday for a 14-day police remand for Mr. Zubair.

"What we have seen is that the contents of the FIRs seem similar... He has been given bail by a Delhi court and we gave him interim bail in the Sitapur case... The moment he gets bail in one case another case is registered... It is like a vicious cycle," Justice Chandrachud addressed Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who was appearing for Uttar Pradesh.

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KMF partially rolls back cost of curd, lassi, buttermilk

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The State government, which faced flak from the Opposition for passing on to the customers the 5% GST on curd, lassi, and buttermilk on Monday, partially rolled back the hike by the end of the day.

A day after Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF), a farmers' cooperative controlled by the government for fixing of prices, announced a new price for the three pre-packaged Nandini brand products, it rolled it back partially citing interest of the public.

While the KMF had increased the cost for a litre of curd from ₹43 to ₹46 as the new GST rate came into force on Monday, the federation announced the revised price of ₹45 per litre by end of day. The cost of a 200 ml sachet, which was increased from ₹10 to ₹12 will now cost ₹10.50.

Similarly, the cost of 200 ml pre-packed butter milk in a sachet that had been increased by ₹1 has been reduced by 50 paise, and will now cost ₹7.50 instead of a hiked price of ₹8.

Kerala reports second case of monkeypox

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

A second case of monkeypox has been confirmed in Kerala in a 31-year-old man who reached Kannur from Dubai, via Mangalore, on July 13.

Meanwhile, the Union Health Ministry on Monday convened a meeting and ordered that international passengers be "strictly screened" for signs of the infection.

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SC stays High Court orders against ACB and its head

Bench says observations by HC judge 'irrelevant' to the bail plea

> We stay proceedings like asking for service report, B summary report, observations on the ACB, etc. *Prima facie*, the observations made were unconnected to the bail petition... We direct the [Karnataka] High Court to decide the bail petition
> SUPREME COURT

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday stayed orders passed by Karnataka High Court judge Justice H.P. Sandesh against the State Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) and its chief, Additional Director-General of Police (ADGP) Seemant Kumar Singh, unconnected to a bail plea he was hearing in a corruption case.

The directions in question had ranged from seeking reports on prosecution/closure of cases probed by the ACB since 2016 and summoning confidential service records of the ADGP.

"We stay proceedings like asking for service report, B summary report, observations on the ACB, etc. Prima facie, the observations made were unconnected to the bail petition. The observations were not made within the ambit of bail proceedings. The conduct of the ACB officer is unconnected to the bail petition. We direct the High Court to decide the bail petition," a Bench led by Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana ordered.

The Bench said the observations made by the High Court judge was "irrelevant" to the bail plea. The Bench also issued notice in a plea by ACB and Mr. Singh to expunge remarks made by Justice Sandesh against them.

Justice Sandesh had formerly called the ACB a "collection centre" and Mr. Singh a "tainted officer." The court, however, did not accede to a request to shift the case to another Bench. "Sorry, we have to balance... We cannot be seen to be favoring one side," the court said.

The court listed the case after three weeks.

Transfer threat

On July 11, Justice Sandesh had revealed in an order that he was threatened with transfer for his adverse remarks against the State ACB and its top officer. He had proceeded to give a blow by blow account of how he was subjected to a veiled threat of transfer, that too through a sitting judge of the High Court, unless he laid off the ACB and its top officer. Justice Sandesh said the incident happened during the farewell dinner for a retiring Chief Justice of the High Court.

Adjourned

Meanwhile, in the Karnataka High Court, when the advocate for the ACB pointed out that the Supreme Court had passed an interim order in the morning but a copy of it was not yet available, Justice Sandesh, with the consent of advocates representing the ACB and the accused deputy tahsildar, adjourned further hearing till July 20.

Fatal fall

Mangled remains: A Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation bus being lifted out of water after it fell into the Narmada river in Dhar district in Madhya Pradesh on Monday. All 12 people onboard were killed. • PTI (REPORT ON PAGE 12)

ESA in Western Ghats: Legislators to take up legal fight against notification

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Taking exception to the latest draft notification issued by the Centre on Ecologically Sensitive Area (ESA) in Western Ghats region, legislators from Karnataka's Western Ghats area, cutting across party affiliations, and Ministers have decided to take up a legal fight against it. A delegation led by the Chief Minister will also meet Central authorities.

A meeting of legislators from Malnad region, convened by Home Minister Araga Jnanendra, who too hails from there, arrived at this decision on Monday in Bengaluru.

The recent notification has listed 20,668 sq km of area in Karnataka as ESA of the total extent of 46,832 sq km of ESA in the country spread across Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa and Tamil Nadu. It has identified 1,572 villages in 10 districts of Karnataka as those covered by regulations and restrictions related to ESA.

Monday's meeting was attended, among others, by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Speaker Vishveshwara Hegde Kageri and former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa besides a host of Ministers and legislators from all the three major parties. Briefing mediapersons after the meeting, Mr. Jnanendra said a delegation of legislators and MPs from the affected region would be taken to the Union Minister of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) under the leadership of the CM seeking suitable modifications in the notification.

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Sannati: Ancient Buddhist site finally in focus after 20 years

A question on this significant historical site was raised in the Lok Sabha on Monday

KUMAR BURADIKATTI
KALABURAGI

Left almost unattended to for 20 years after it came to light through the excavation by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) between 1994 and 2001, the ancient Buddhist site on the bank of Bhima river near Kanaganahalli (forming part of Sannati site) in Kalaburagi district, has finally got some attention.

The ASI has now come up with a plan for the conservation of the site at a cost of ₹3.5 crore and work has just begun. ASI Regional Director (South) D. Maheshwari and Circle Superintendent (Hampi) Nikhil Das are camping at the site monitoring ongoing work.

Till now, some items of antiquity found during excavation were kept in three tin sheds in the same site, while many remained scattered in the open.

In Parliament

A question related to this site was raised in the Parliament on Monday. Responding to a question raised by Umesh Jadhav, Lok Sabha member from Kalaburagi, in Lok Sabha, Union Tourism Minister G. Kishan Reddy said that the government had currently no proposal make the Kanaganahalli Buddhist site a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On the questions pertaining to the protection of the site, the Minister said that the ancient site was well protected.

Meanwhile, the conservation project taken up now envisages the resetting of the remains of Maha Stupa retrieved in the excavation to their original positions without much ornamentation and reconstructing of fallen portions of the Ayaka platforms using newly-fabricated bricks of the same size, shape and texture.

The excavated antiquities lying in an open area for the last 20 years at the Kanaganahalli ASI site near Sannati in Chittapur taluk of Kalaburagi district. • ARUN KULKARNI

"The stupa was built with locally available limestone. Most of the dome slabs, drum slabs, inscribed sculptures and other structural remains were in a broken state when they were retrieved. We will start with the removal of core filling from the drum portion and then proceed to reset stone blocks to their original position. Once the consolidation of the entire stupa is done, we will go for railings and other peripheral work," Mr. Das told *The Hindu*. It is a long-term project that may take 2-3 years.

Accidental discovery

Sannati and Kanaganahalli were small and ordinary villages on the bank of Bhima till 1986 when the Kali temple at the Chandralamba temple complex in Sannati collapsed.

In the process of clearing the debris, they discovered an Ashokan edict which put the villages on the world map and opened new avenues of historical research on Mauryan Emperor Ashoka and Buddhism in its early years. It prompted the ASI excavations at Sannati and nearby Kanaganahalli and attracted historians across India and beyond. The Kanaganahalli excavation opened up many marvels.

For example, an 'abandoned well' in the eyes of local villagers turned out to be the magnificent Maha Stupa, which was referred to as Adholoka Maha Chaitya (the Great Stupa of the netherworlds) in the inscriptions and, more significantly, the stone-portrait of Emperor Ashoka, surrounded by his queens and female attendants. While the Stupa is believed to be one of the largest of its time, the stone-portrait is considered to be the only surviving image of the Mauryan Emperor which had the inscription 'Raya Asoko' in Brahmi on it. This image of Ashoka is currently in one of the tin sheds. It was only six months ago that this historically significant find got a glass cover.

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CSR funds

60 In %, the share out of the total Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds spent by companies in the areas of education, healthcare and rural development-related activities, in the last seven financial years, according to the Indian government. Responding to a question in the Lok Sabha, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs informed that during the given period, around 33% of the total CSR amount spent by companies were in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. PTI

NEET entrance exam

18.72 In lakh, the record number of applications received by the National Testing Agency (NTA) for the medical entrance exam NEET. This was the first time that the number of registrations for the NEET medical entrance exam surpassed 18 lakh, a considerable increase of over 2.5 lakh from 2021. About 10.6 lakh out of the total candidates registered were female candidates, the NTA informed. Last year, over 15.44 lakh candidates appeared for the exam. PTI

Vacant faculty seats

6,549 The number of vacant faculty positions in central universities across India, with a majority of them being in Delhi University followed by Allahabad University, BHU and AMU, according to Ministry of Education (MoE) statistics. Delhi University has the maximum number of vacancies (900) followed by Allahabad University (622), Banaras Hindu University (532) Aligarh Muslim University (498), and Jawaharlal Nehru University (326). PTI

Textbook distribution

4.25 In crore, the number of textbooks distributed through 950 empanelled vendors around India for the academic session 2022-23, Union Education Minister Annpurna Devi Yadav said on Monday. Responding to a written question in the Lok Sabha, she informed that there was no shortage of books from the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). Further, she added that all NCERT textbooks were also made available through its digital platforms. PTI

Infant deaths

22,751 The number of children below the age of six months to have died in Maharashtra between January 2021 and May-end this year, the State's Family Welfare Department has said in reply to a Right to Information (RTI) query. The department said the death toll of children over 17 months included 19,673 cases where the infant was stillborn. According to the response, Mumbai recorded the maximum number of deaths at 1,898, followed by Nagpur (1,741). PTI

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EXPLAINER

The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation and its stature in the modern world

What is the SCO and how does the grouping impact India? Is it set up to counter the West?

THE GIST

- Founded in June 2001 as the 'Shanghai Five', the grouping consisted of Russia, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. They came together in the post-Soviet era in 1996, in order to work on regional security and reduction of border troops.
- India acquired the observer status in the grouping in 2005 and was admitted as a full member in 2017.
- Through the years, the SCO hosts have encouraged members to use the platform to discuss differences with other members on the sidelines.

SAPTAPARNO GHOSH

The story so far: Iran and Belarus could soon become the newest members of the China and Russia-backed Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). "In the Samarkand summit [in September], we expect the leadership to adopt a document on the obligations Iran must fulfil to gain membership. The legal procedures of Belarus's accession are about to start. We need to build consensus on the acceptance of Belarus," Chinese diplomat and incumbent Secretary-General of SCO, Zhang Ming, stated last week. According to him, the suggested expansion would exhibit the collective's rising international influence and its principles being widely accepted.

What is the SCO?

Founded in June 2001, it was built on the 'Shanghai Five', the grouping which consisted of Russia, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. They came together in the post-Soviet era in 1996, in order to work on regional security, reduction of border troops and terrorism. They endowed particular focus on 'conflict resolution', given its early success between China and Russia, and then within the Central Asian Republics.

The HSC is the supreme decision-making body of the organisation. It meets annually to adopt decisions and guidelines on all important matters relevant to the organisation

Some of their prominent outcomes in this arena entail an 'Agreement on Confidence-Building in the Military Field Along the Border Areas' (in 1996) between China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, which led to an agreement on the mutual reduction of military forces on their common borders in 1997. It would also pitch in to help the Central Asian countries resolve some of their boundary disputes.

In 2001, the 'Shanghai Five' inducted Uzbekistan into its fold and named it the SCO, outlining its principles in a charter that promoted what was called the "Shanghai spirit" of cooperation. The charter, adopted in St. Petersburg in 2002, enlists its main goals as strengthening mutual trust and neighbourliness among the member states; promoting their effective cooperation in politics, trade, economy, research and technology, and culture. Its focus areas include education, energy, transport, tourism and environmental protection.

It also calls for joint efforts to maintain and ensure peace, security and stability in the region; and the establishment of a democratic, fair and rational new international political and economic order. The precise assertion, combined with some of the member states' profiles, of building a "new international political and economic order" has often led to it being placed as a counter to treaties and groupings of the West, particularly North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

The grouping comprises eight member states – India, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. The SCO also has four observer states – Afghanistan, Iran, Belarus and Mongolia – of which Iran and Belarus are now moving towards full membership.

How is this relevant to India?

India acquired the observer status in the grouping in 2005 and was admitted as a full member in 2017. Through the years, the SCO hosts have encouraged members to use the platform to discuss differences with other members on the sidelines. It was on such an occasion that Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a bilateral meeting with former Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in 2015 in Ufa, and Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar negotiated a five-point agreement with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi on the sidelines of the Moscow conference in 2020.

India is also a part of the 'Quadrilateral' grouping with the U.S., Japan and Australia. Its association with the grouping of a rather different nature is part of its foreign policy that emphasises on principles of "strategic autonomy and multi-alignment".

What is the organisational structure?

The SCO secretariat has two permanent bodies – the SCO Secretariat based in Beijing and the Executive Committee of the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) based in Tashkent. Other than this, the grouping consists of the Heads of State Council (HSC), the Heads of Government Council (HGC) and the Foreign Ministers Council.

The HSC is the supreme decision-making body of the organisation. It meets annually to adopt decisions and guidelines on all important matters relevant to the organisation. The HGC (mainly including Prime Ministers) also meets annually to zero in on the organisation's priority areas and multilateral cooperation strategy. It also endeavours to resolve present economic and cooperation issues alongside approving the organisation's annual budget. The Foreign Ministers Council considers issues pertaining to the day-to-day activities of the organisation, charting HSC meetings and consultations on international problems within the organisation and if required, makes statements on behalf of the SCO.

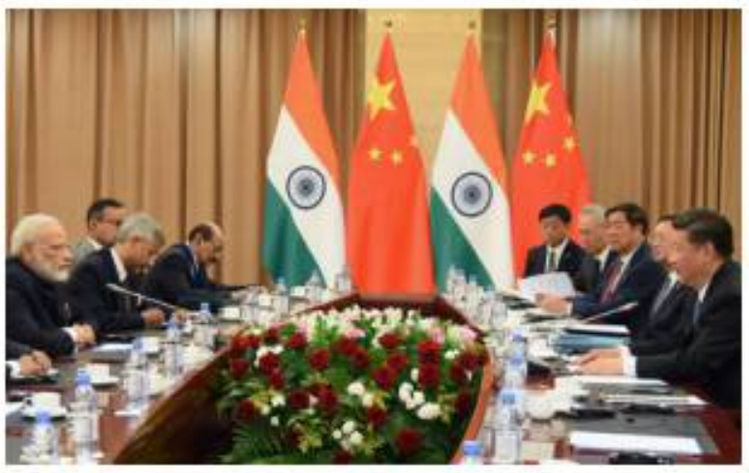
Is it about countering the West?

The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) noted in 2015 that decades of rapid economic growth had propelled China onto the world's stage, whereas Russia found itself beset with economic turmoil following the Crimean annexation in 2014 and ejection from the G8 grouping.

Most recently, Russia's action in Ukraine caused it to be subjected to sanctions on multiple fronts by the West. China, in what could be referred to as 'distance diplomacy', had held that security of one country should not be at the expense of another country – blaming the West (specifically referring to NATO) for the entire episode. Thus, the organisation spearheaded by both Russia and China does not find its supporters in the West. Moreover, on the proposed induction of Iran, journalist and commentator Nazila Fathi, writing for the Middle East Institute, stated in September 2021 that the country might not see much short-term benefit, however, it would signal closer ties with both China and Russia.

The Iranian leadership has often stressed that the country must "look to the East". This is essential not only to resist its economic isolation (by addressing the banking and trade problems on account of U.S. sanctions) from the West, but also find strategic allies that would help it to reach a new agreement on the nuclear program. In other words, using its ties with China and Russia as a leverage against the West. Additionally, it would help it strengthen its involvement in Asia.

The same premise applies for Belarus, which lent its support to Russia for its actions in Ukraine. An association with the SCO bodes well for its diplomacy and regional stature.



Joint venture: The SCO calls for joint efforts to maintain and ensure peace, security and stability in the region; and the establishment of a democratic and rational new international political order. • AFP

EXPLAINER

The Pakistan and IMF talks: What lies ahead?

Why was the Extended Fund Facility (EFF) signed between the two? Why is IMF important for Pakistan's economy?

ANKIT SINGH

The story so far: On July 14, the staff-level talks between Pakistan and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) concluded for the seventh and eighth review under Extended Fund Facility (EFF). The talks were originally aimed at releasing a tranche of $900 million. The talks, which began on March 4, were expected to conclude by March 16; however, it took five months to reach the staff-level agreement. Finally, last week, the IMF team reached an understanding with Pakistan to release $1.17 billion, subject to the board's approval. This brings the total disbursement under the current EFF to $4.2 billion so far, to support policy actions under FY 2023 budget, power sector reforms, and monetary policy to restrain inflation. The latest IMF press release maintains it would consider an extension of the current EFF to end June 2023 and augment the fund amount to $7 billion.

What was the Extended Fund Facility (EFF), and why did the talks take longer to conclude?

The 39-month EFF between the two was signed in July 2019 to provide funds amounting to Self-Drawing Rights (SDR) – $4,268 million. The EFF was signed by Pakistan to address the medium-term balance of payment problem, and work on structural impediments and increase per capita income.

The IMF placed demands including fiscal consolidation to reduce debt and build resilience, the market-determined exchange rate to restore competitiveness, eliminate 'quasi-fiscal' losses in the energy sector and strengthened institutions with transparency.

The decision to freeze the fuel prices by the then Pakistani President Imran Khan in February 2022 was considered a major deviation under the EFF benchmarks. Mr. Khan's government, that gave tax amnesties to the industrial sector, impacted the tax regime and a structural benchmark for fiscal consolidation. Loans under Kamyab Pakistan Program were another point of contention. The IMF insisted on its demands before approving any release of the tranche.

How important is the IMF support to Pakistan?

Pakistan's economic situation is dire. According to the Economic Survey of Pakistan 2022, the fiscal deficit in FY 22 was $18.6 billion, and the net public debt at $252 billion, which is 66.3% of the GDP. The power sector's circular debt is $14 billion.

According to the State Bank of

Pakistan's latest report, the current account deficit has peaked to $48.3 billion. The budgeted expenditure outlay for FY 23 states that 41% ($19 billion) of total expenditure will be used in debt servicing.

The IMF's support in addressing the above numbers is crucial. According to the latest quarterly report of the Economic Affairs Division, during the financial year 2021-22, the IMF's contribution to the total external debt (of $9.4 billion), is only $834 million. However, the IMF's support is not limited to fixing the balance sheet, but validates and provides economic confidence to other multilateral institutions.

Why have the Pakistan-IMF relations remained complicated? Will the new government be able to improve the trust deficit?

Structural reforms require long-term commitment, which have been sacrificed due to Pakistan's short-sighted political goals; hence the urge to go to the IMF for fiscal stability has been repeated over time.

Pakistan has signed various lending instruments with the IMF, and sought support from IMF around 22 times. However, only once has a programme been completed. Since the 1990s, the IMF has placed specific demands but were addressed by Pakistan in bits and pieces. For example, during the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) rule in 2008, Pakistan was to implement economic reforms, including improvements in tax administration, removal of tax exemptions as well structural reforms. However, successive governments kept domestic political calculations a priority, than the economic reforms.

The latest EFF was on the verge of collapse, but the ruling coalition government continued its efforts to revive the discussions. To address the structural benchmarks of the IMF, the authorities have worked on specific legislations, for example, the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) amendment act, and the Finance Bill 2022.

What lies ahead for Pakistan and the IMF?

Despite the latest agreement, the road ahead for the IMF and Pakistan is not an easy one. Political calculations and the elections ahead will play a role in Pakistan's economic decision-making.

In 2019, the Director-General Debt Office of the Ministry of Finance revealed that Pakistan has to pay $31 billion by 2026. Total public debt as a percentage of gross domestic product is expected to increase further.

There is also a narrative that Pakistan has the fifth largest population with nuclear weapons that cannot be allowed to fail. A section within Pakistan also places the geo-strategic location of the country would provide an edge for cooperation, rather than coercion. Hence, this section believes, the IMF would continue to support.

Given the IMF's increased assertion, Pakistan's political calculations and the elections ahead, the relationship between the two is likely to remain complicated.

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All roads from Iblur lead to traffic blocks

This junction is an intersection of Outer Ring Road and Sarjapur Road, one of the biggest IT hubs

JAHNAVI T.R.
BENGALURU

Residents who live in and around Iblur are always vocal about the issues in their locality. Be it the bus lane, cycle lane, or claiming footpaths, they fight for their problems. However, a conversation with them reveals that most of their problems originate because of the notorious traffic jams at the Iblur junction. The traffic here has gotten the authorities' attention too, as it has been identified as one of the seven problematic junctions.

Choking point

This junction is an intersection of the Outer Ring Road (ORR) and one of the biggest IT hubs in the city, Sarjapur Road. The problem begins almost a kilometre before, from the Sarjapur fire station and then at Haralur junction, which is just 500 metres away, eventually leading to the creation of a traffic choking point at Iblur junction. This might also be a one-of-its-kind point in the city where travelling from Haralur junction to Iblur junction in a vehicle takes half an hour when offices and schools are done for the day.

On the other side (towards ORR), the arduous journey begins from the flyover near Agara lake, which is not a levelled road. At peak hours, the vehicle lines go beyond Agara sometimes, which means that motorists are stranded for at least 20 to 30 minutes in traffic jams. During the daytime, there are also petty shops along the footpath, where people make stops and occupy a part of the road, cutting down on the space for vehicles. The work for metro has invariably worsened the traffic situation.

This junction also has the reputation for having the same kind of traffic volume for at least 15-16 hours in the day. The pedestrians here struggle to get from one side to the other, like in any other busy junction. The lone skywalk does not help them much.

Not much has changed at the junction after the inspection as no work has begun yet. The redesigning of the two islands in the middle of the junction to enable smoother flow from Sarjapur Road to ORR might bring some kind of relief, but commuters and the residents here demand an integrated traffic solution for both Haralur and Iblur junctions.

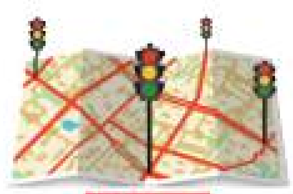
The metro work has invariably worsened the traffic situation at Iblur junction. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

Short-term measures

- Finish civic work from Iblur junction to Sarjapur road in order to stop flooding
- Improvement of pedestrian paths from Haralur junction to Iblur junction
- Redesigning the two islands in the junction to create more space for vehicles coming from Sarjapur road to Outer Ring Road

Long-term proposals

- Metro line to reduce the number of vehicles passing through the junction
- A proposed underpass in Haralur junction, but being opposed by citizens



Mission Decongestion
Iblur junction

> Especially in the mornings, there is traffic block from Agara lake and to Tin Factory. I have spent over 40 minutes at these signals. I don't know what can be done here as huge crowds move in and out due to the IT firms.
>
> SHARAVANA, auto driver

> I have been here for 12 years and the traffic has only kept increasing. There is no break at all at any time of the day. Officers inspect and leave, but so far, nothing has helped this junction.
>
> SUNITHA, Shopkeeper

School receives bomb threat, declared a hoax

Police, bomb squad rush to the school

National Hill View Public School in Rajarajeshwarinagar got the threat mail on Monday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Panic gripped the management of National Hill View Public School in Rajarajeshwarinagar for some time when the staff checked an email which stated that a bomb has been planted on the school premises around 8.30 a.m. on Monday.

The police, along with the anti-sabotage check team and bomb disposal squad, rushed to the school and vacated the premises by shifting around 1,500 children to an adjacent school before initiating the search operation. After over 1.5 hours of thorough combing operation, it was concluded that the email was a hoax.

The school, meanwhile, declared holiday for the day and will resume classes from Tuesday, said Lakshman B. Nimbaragi, DCP, west-division. The police have registered a case and are trying to track down the source of the threat mail.

D.K. Shivakumar, who is the chairman of the school, told the media: "We saw the email when the staff opened it after the Sunday holiday."

This comes after hoax bomb threat emails were sent to over 15 schools in the city earlier this year. The city police invoked the cyber terrorism provisions in this regard, a first in a hoax threat case.

The police booked unidentified persons under Section 66F for cyber terrorism of Information Technology Act, 2000 for the act "with intent to threaten the unity, integrity, security or sovereignty of India or to strike terror in the people or any section of the people".

A person convicted under the section can be sentenced to life.

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Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) which includes explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (July 19, Tuesday), the following explainers are available:

- **Explained** | The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation and its stature in the modern world bit.ly/Shanghaico
- **Explained** | The Pakistan and IMF talks: What lies ahead? bit.ly/pakistanimf
- **Abstract** | The Nasrani story: documenting family histories bit.ly/nasranistory

Online exclusives

- **Cache** | Regulating digital currencies bit.ly/digiregulation
- **Watch** | Inside the Bangalore Creative Circus bit.ly/creativebluru
- *You can use your smartphone's inbuilt features to access these articles. If it's an Android phone, use Google Lens to read and tap the url to access the article. If it's an iPhone, use Live Text on camera to do the same.*

Tree plantation drive

BENGALURU

The regional office of NHAI carried out a tree plantation drive to mark the celebration of 'Azadi ki Amrit Mahotsav'. More than 10,000 saplings were planted.

Ex-councillor murder case: Accused arrested

Mateen stabbed his uncle on July 13

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Chamarajpet police arrested 32-year-old Mateen Khan, who was on the run after allegedly stabbing his uncle, former councillor Ayub Khan, to death over a row on July 13. The accused moved around in an autorickshaw and changed hideouts frequently to escape from the police. However, a special team of police tracked him down at Kengeri on Monday and arrested him.

According to the police, the accused stabbed Ayub, who was also a realtor and president of Khudadaad mosque for the last 15 years. Nazima Khanum, wife of Ayub and also former councillor of K.R. market ward, in her complaint to the Chamarajpet police, alleged that Mateen had been eyeing the president's post of the mosque. On July 13, Mateen allegedly stabbed Ayub when he was returning from evening prayer. The accused also recorded a video and circulated it on social media that he was innocent and that he murdered his uncle in self-defence.

The accused has been taken into custody and the police are investigating to ascertain if there are other reasons for the murder and if there are any possible involvement of others in the crime.

Grand reception

Grandmasters Tej Kumar, Stany G.A., and Girish, and Arjuna Awardee D.V. Prasad with the chess Olympiad torch in Bengaluru on Monday. The 44th Chess Olympiad will be held in Chennai. • K. MURALI KUMAR

Salesman of gold shop held for stealing jewels

They were worth ₹26 lakh: Police

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Yeshwantpur police on Monday arrested the salesman of a jewellery shop for allegedly stealing gold valuables over the past one year and pawning them with the help of his friend in order to lead a lavish life.

The accused, Chethan Nayak, 27, worked as salesman in Best Jewellers on Triveni Road for four years. The incident came to light when the owner of the shop noticed that a necklace kept in the showcase, which had to be delivered to the customer, mysteriously missing.

The owner then checked the CCTV footage to find Chethan pocketing the necklace. A review of more footage revealed Chethan stealing jewels earlier as well, the police said.

Based on a complaint, the police picked up Chethan and a detailed questioning led to his partner Vijay. According to the police, Chethan would hand over the stolen jewels to Vijay, 25, who would pawn them and use the money for their lavish lifestyle. The accused are spendthrifts and addicted to hookah and alcohol. They would take their wives to expensive bars and restaurants and spend the money, a police officer said, adding that the accused also bought a car and a scooter, which have been recovered.

Investigations revealed that Chethan has been taking valuables from the shop since last year, and had reportedly stolen around 770 grams of articles. Based on his confession, the police recovered 372 grams of gold valuables, and cash of ₹99,000, all together worth ₹26.2 lakh.

The police couldn't recover the remaining valuables as Vijay claimed he could not remember where he had pawned the stolen jewels.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/49/2022
Dated: 13-07-2022
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites Tenders for the following works:

Sl.	Item of work	Approx. Value
1	Gadag-Wadi section proposed construction of Road Under Bridge's at CH:53383, 54930 & 55784 and Road Over Bridge at CH:52200 Between Linganabandi and Kushtagi station. (Tender Ref. No: GDG-WD-35)	Rs. 58,67,31,833/-
2	Yesvantpur-Channasandra Doubling : Channasandra station yard remodelling: Construction of station building, Platform, PF Shelter, Foot Over Bridge, S&T Goomties Earth work in cutting/embankment, Extension of bridges/Road Under Bridge, Yard drains, P.Way works along with double line connectivity up to Baiyyappanahalli including general electrical works and other miscellaneous works. (COMPOSITE WORK) (Tender Ref. No: YPR-CSDR-DL-04)	Rs. 36,22,06,982/-

Last date for submission of bids: Upto 15.00 Hrs. on 03-08-2022
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Deputy Chief Engineer/Works/Construction
Bengaluru Cantonment
PUB/238/AAD/PRB/SWR/2022-23
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE
My Client, Mr. Kesavankutty Vasudevan Nair, S/o Mr. P.K. Vasudevan Nair, is the owner of Apt. bearing No.A-14 West,GF, "Trinity Acres" situated at Amballipura Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk and he had handed over the Original Rectification Deed 24-12-2018 (Reg in SRO, Indira Nagar vide Doc. No. 9021/2018-19) to his Sister Sarada Mohan, W/o Mohan Babu since he had to go abroad for work purpose.
Further the said Sarada Mohan while travelling, had misplaced/lost the said original Rectification Deed dt. 24-12-2018 and to that effect, she (being the GPA Holder of Mr. Kesavankutty Vasudevan Nair) had got lodged Online police (Bengaluru City) complaint on 15-7-2022 (Lost report No. 0269119/2022).
Any finder/or any person having any type of claim may kindly return the above mentioned Original Sale deed or file objections to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of notice failing which my client shall presume that the same is lost and shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims/interest whatsoever from any person/s.
Veeresha K.,
Advocate,
No. 173/1, 2nd Cross, 2nd A Main,
Bhoovipalya,Mahalakshmipuram,
Bangalore-560086.
Mobile: 8088537897.

Woman, male friend held for blackmailing aunt

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Bagalur police on Monday arrested a woman and her male friend for allegedly blackmailing their aunt with her private videos to extort ₹25 lakh from her.

The accused, Usha and Suresh, were arrested based on the complaint filed by the victim, unable to bear the harassment, on July 16.

The victim, a 38-year-old businesswoman, told the police that she had an affair with a man and used to meet him at a hotel in Yelahanka. The accused Usha, who is her niece, got to know about this and managed to place a hidden camera in the room. The accused bought a new SIM and sent a clip of the recorded video to the victim, threatening to upload it on social media and also share it with her family if she did not pay ₹25 lakh. When the victim delayed to pay, Usha approached her stating that she received the video clip from an unknown number to pressurise the victim indirectly to pay the ransom.

Unable to bear the harassment, the victim approached the police and filed a complaint. Based on the complaint, the police summoned Usha for inquiry as she was the first one to receive the video clip. The police analysed the call record details of the sender's mobile number and established the link with Usha before taking her into custody.

A detailed questioning led her to confess to the crime. The police arrested the accused Suresh and charged them under sections of the IT ACT and blackmailing and extortion and remanded them to judicial custody.

State sees 1,108 new cases

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka on Monday recorded 1,108 new infections taking the total number of cases to 39,87,428. With this the day's TPR stood at 6.82% and the weekly TPR touched 4.61%. Of the new cases, 993 have been reported from Bengaluru Urban alone.

With zero deaths, the State's toll remained 40,089. Besides, 42 deaths of patients due to non-COVID-19 reasons have also been recorded.

As many as 997 persons were discharged on Monday taking the total recoveries to 39,39,617. Active cases stood at 7,680 on Monday. As many as 16,256 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours, including 12,653 RT-PCR tests. With this, the total number of tests rose to 6,74,22,107.

Bescom gets new MD, Bengaluru Urban new DC

Mahantesh Bilagi is Bescom MD

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Bescom has got a new Managing Director as incumbent Rajendra Cholan has been replaced by Mahantesh Bilagi, who was waiting for posting. Mr. Cholan has been posted as Managing Director, Bengaluru Smart City Ltd.

Srinivas K., waiting for posting, has been posted as Deputy Commissioner for Bengaluru Urban district.

BBMP Special Commissioner Tulasi Maddineni has been transferred and posted as Secretary to Government, Backward Classes' Welfare Department, relieving Mr. P. Manivannan of the concurrent charge.

In a partial modification of the earlier order, Gadag Deputy Commissioner Sundareshbabu M. has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner for Koppal district Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Limited Managing Director Nagaraja N.M. has been transferred and posted as deputy commissioner for Chickballapur district.

Kumta Assistant Commissioner Rahul Ratnam Pandey has been transferred and posted as General Manager for Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Land Acquisition in UKP, Bagalkote.

IRS officer Jayaram Raipura, who is on deputation from Central Board of Direct Taxes of Union Ministry of Finance, has been posted as Special Commissioner (Finance) for BBMP. He has also been given the concurrent charge of the post of Secretary-2 to the Chief Minister.

Rowdy-sheeter arrested for beating youth to death

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Baiyappanahalli police on Monday arrested a rowdy-sheeter and his associate for beating his distant relative to death over a proposal on July 15.

The accused have been identified as Nagendra and his associate Rangaswamy.

According to the police, the deceased Prajwal, a resident of Vasanthapura in Konanakunte, had proposed to the niece of the accused Nagendra and even spoke to her after sourcing her contact number through his cousin Vishnu.

The probe revealed that Prajwal and the accused are distant relatives and Nagendra was furious about Prajwal stalking his niece on her social media account. Nagendra contacted Vishnu and forced him to get Prajwal to an isolated place on Old Madras Road on July 15.

The duo beat up Prajwal and left him profusely bleeding. He was shifted to a nearby hospital where the doctors declared him brought dead, the police said. The duo have been remanded to judicial custody.

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Tender notice No. 06-SNT-MYS-2022
Dated : 13-07-2022
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites Tenders for the following works:

Sl.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value
1	Replacement of Auto Announcement System at Shrirangapatna, Pandavapura, Ashokapuram, Kadakola, Nanjangud Town, Chamarajanagar, Byadgi, Chikjajur, Kabakaputtur, Tarikere, Chamarajapuram, Krishnarajnagar & Hole Narsipur Stations in Mysuru Division.	Rs. 79,29,678.14
2	Provision of Audio Conference System at CWM/Office, Mysuru Division.	Rs. 11,97,810.00
3	Provision of Communication facilities to new POH building at Ashokapuram workshop and phone, Railnet LAN, CCTV surveillance system at CWM/Office Ashokapuram of Mysuru Division.	Rs. 32,55,119.00
4	Testing of EMC socket over Mysuru Division for Two Years.	Rs. 61,27,626.24
5	Signalling work in connection with Birur, Karajgi section: Thick Wed Switches Total-123 Sets.	Rs. 38,76,252.73
6	Extension of Platform 1 Platform 2 & 3 at Nanjangud Town, Platform 1 and Platform 2 & 3 at Ashokapuram and Platform 1 at Chamarajanagar to accommodate 24+1 coaches.	Rs. 20,51,115.94

Last date for submission of bids: Upto 11.00 Hrs. on 04-08-2022
For details log on www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom. Engineer
Mysuru
PUB/232/AAD/PRB/SWR/2022-23
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ICSE board exam: Schools part of THiS excel

The results were declared on Sunday

SUDHINDR A.B.
BENGALURU

The Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) declared the Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE Class 10) Semester-2 examination results on Sunday.

Schools that are part of The Hindu in School (THiS) programme achieved excellent results in the examinations.

Bishop Cotton Girls' High School, St. Marks Road achieved 100% pass with 76 of 296 students securing 90% and above marks. Apoorva Anand Burji with 98.8% was the topper.

In St. Joseph's Boys' High School, Museum Road, all 266 students passed and 198 secured distinctions. Siddharth M Kothari and Sudeep Xavier Roche both secured 98.17% to emerge toppers.

Sri Vani Public School, Rajajinagar achieved 100% pass with 98 of 109 students securing distinctions. In all 48 students scored 90% and above marks.

Coorg Public School, Gonikoppa too achieved 100% pass with 88 of 98 students securing distinctions. Shriya U Acharya (98.40%) was the topper.

In Ryan International School, Yelahanka 113 students appeared and 42 students secured distinctions. The school is achieving 100% pass for the past 13 years. Thanu Murali (97.67%) was the topper.

In Bunts' Sangha RNS Vidyaniketan, Vijayanagar all 192 students passed and 80 students scored 90% and above. Gayathri Prabhu (97.80%) was the topper.

In Ryan International School, Kundalahalli, 96 of 243 students scored 90%and above marks. Sara Mehra, Aishwarya Kapil Hudiya and Sahana Athota all secured 98.6% and emerged toppers.

In Ryan International School, Bannerghatta, 17 of 111 students scored 90% and above marks. Tarun Teja (98.17%) was the topper.

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
No. KPCL/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT12415/CALL-2 Date: 14.07.2022
SHORT TERM BID NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement portal)
Bids are invited for the work of **Design, supply, installation, testing & commissioning (After dismantling the existing CO2 system) of new CO2 system for Units - 2 & 5 Generator fire protection at Nagjhari Power House** covering all associated works and components to suit the site conditions, from reputed bidders with proven track record of successful completion of similar works. EMD: **Rs. 77,720/-**. The details of tender documents can be viewed on **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Last date for receipt of completed bids: **28.07.2022 upto 14.00 Hrs.** Opening of Part-I (Pre-qualification and Technical Bid): **29.07.2022 at 15.00 Hrs.** and Part-II (Price Bid) of the successful bidders **will be intimated later.** Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (Generator) Nagjhari**, KPCL, Ambikanagar - 581363, Haliyal (Tq), Karwar (Dt). Mobile: 94495 99106. E-mail: eegennph@gmail.com & eegenkalkpcl@karnataka.gov.in

ABSTRACT

The Nasrani story: documenting family histories

How affluent Syrian Christians from Kerala blend desirable facts and myths to recreate family histories that advantage their positions within the social matrix of their society

THE GIST

- The study focuses on various aspects of the documentation of family histories, including the reconstruction of popular beliefs and myths, family histories backed by church genealogies claiming Brahminic and apostolic origins.
- The everyday history becomes the recollection of the "memory of things said and done," used to make sense of the present and anticipate the future.
- Syrian Christian family histories have independent facts and pre-existing knowledge within the community, blended with historical accounts to create a cocktail of the family account.

REBECCA ROSE VARGHESE

Donald, Nidhin, 'Every Family Its Own Historian?: The Case of Syrian Christian Family Histories', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol 57, Issue No. 28, July 09, 2022

Very few academic documents, other than ethnoreligious texts and hagiographies, have captured the lives of Syrian Christians or "Nasranis" – a privileged minority in Kerala. While *The Christians of Kerala* written by Susan Visvanathan explores the cultures and practices of Syrian Christians (Yakobas), *Privileged Minorities* by Sonja Thomas studies the privileges enjoyed by the community through oral histories and ethnographies capturing the history and socio-economic conditions of the community, their interactions and assimilations with other social groups in Kerala. Nidhin Donald's article, 'Every Family Its own Historian?: The case of Syrian Christian family histories', draws attention to a different aspect of the community; the family histories documented by affluent families of the Syrian Christian community used to maintain a hierarchically prominent position in society.

Documentation of family histories

The study focuses on various aspects of the documentation of family histories, including the reconstruction of popular beliefs and myths, family histories backed by church genealogies claiming Brahminic and apostolic origins to establish the purity of race "vamshashuddhi" and blood "rakthashuddhi", biographies of prominent family members used as proof of their family's grandeur, descriptions of relationships with other social groups, family directories and the folklores about the community's rich past among others.

The everyday history becomes the recollection of the "memory of things said and done," used to make sense of the present and anticipate the future. The paper looks at the historical knowledge constructed and produced as family histories or "kudumba charitram" by the upper-caste Syrian Christian families to understand how they mobilise, conceive their histories and use them to position themselves in their society based on caste and religion.

In the recent present, many affluent Christian families have taken the initiative of creating family histories.

The author explains how the digitalisation of church records, census returns, and land papers has contributed to this surge. Historically, though the rich have always maintained their genealogies or "vamshavali" using oral and written methods, the spike in the consumer historiography among affluent "Nasranis" is an example of propertied upper castes who benefitted from neoliberal capitalism attempting to maintain their elite status.

The author attributes modern family associations or "kudumbayogams" – a corporate body of households who share a common male ancestor to the transition or evolution of oral accounts and folklores to the printed texts of family history books, an attempt to maintain their blood genealogies.

It is explained how transnational migration, post-liberalisation, and economic opportunities have given families new functions, with family history committees formed to collect financial and archival information. These family histories talk about social changes in society from the vantage point of individual families. Oral histories or "vaamozhi" is mostly used as an authentic method of data collection. Thus, family histories are shaped by the convictions of the past and are assigned academic value by family historians who place it under social history, a sub-discipline of history that emerged after World War II.

Maintaining social position

Due to the number of activities involved in the process of writing family histories including travelling to different parts of the country or interacting with church networks and establishments, the publication of such histories is only affordable to those with the social and economic capital associated with certain class and caste settings. Families that document their histories also endorse it to a readership beyond their families – to local researchers, scholars, and media in an attempt to authenticate the document. Church, politicians, and caste organisations are involved in these acts of publicity as it is a mutually beneficial process.

Powerful families and communities relate to each other within modern hierarchies as co-decision-makers, sharing the same timeline of living through moments of historical significance. Promoting documents with tales of how "Nasarani" families worked along with other affluent castes in the States validates the relevance of both communities as co-operating ruling elites in the society. Thus, the cultural and economic capital became a prerequisite in permanently marking these families' role in accounts of the church and the community, making them a 'great family'.

Through the accounts from various family history texts, the author also explains how the documentation of the prominent role of their family ancestors in the moments of historical significance conveniently twists the events and their consequences.

For instance, the humiliating experience of the Dalits and the question of labour and human dignity may overweigh the sympathy and intelligence of the "Nasrani" lawyer who fought a court case against Dalits in exchange for free labour which helped the community's water crisis.

Syrian Christians and caste

Syrian Christian family histories have independent facts and pre-existing knowledge within the community, blended with historical accounts to create a cocktail of the family account. The Brahmin origin of the Syrian Christian family, a claim traced back to the arrival of St. Thomas (apostle) to Kerala, is an example of how the community justifies their dominant status and purity of blood, with the help of a story with minimal empirical evidence.

In the Syrian Christian imagination, family is a class, caste, and religious institution. Family histories tend to narrate stories that assign meaning to their caste, yet claim a difference from the others. For instance, the master-servant relationships where absolute control over the slave was a 'right' and the benevolence of the "Nasrani" master is a theme seen across their family histories.

Further, three divisions mark the difference of the community from the others – the hierarchical separation from the lower castes, the competitive affinity with the "different in religion but akin in social standing" upper-caste Hindus and the almost filial affinity with Brahmins.

Thus, family history and its perspective about its position in society have pedagogic value as it is used as an instrument of social reproduction, which does not negate the official historical documents but finds a place of honour within them.

The paper outlines the amateur historian's attempt to construct ideal family types, placing the family ancestor in a position of entitlement within the complex caste-class structures of society. This need to have a glorious past filled with family grandeur points to the present upper-middle-class families' aspirations. Further, it shows the need for a superior caste and racial position within the milieu of social hierarchy among the affluent Syrian Christian families.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know Your English

"Good morning, sir."

"Good morning. Have you finished reading the book I gave you last week?"

"No sir. I am not a fast reader. I am not like you. Your fastness in reading is remarkable, sir. Nobody can gainsay it."

"I am a fast reader. But don't say 'fastness'. 'Fastness' is not used in the sense of 'quickness' or 'speed'. Don't ask why. It just is not used in that sense now. 'Fastness' is used only in the sense of 'secure place' or 'stronghold'. Please keep this in mind. Also the word 'gainsay' is a literary word. It is not used in conversation. Even in literature, it is not very common. It is not enough to know a word. You must also know the contexts in which it can be used."

"He runs fast, he runs fastly – which is correct, sir?"

"The word 'fastly' doesn't exist in modern English. Only 'fast' is used.

He runs fast.

He speaks fast.

He reads fast

'Fast' is an interesting word. It has several meanings. 'He is fast asleep' means 'he is sound asleep'.

I don't know whether it is fast colour. 'Fast' here means 'unfading, not affected by washing'.

They are fast friends.

Here 'fast' means 'staunch, devoted'.

'He is leading a fast life' means 'he is leading a loose life'.

'Fast' here means 'immoral, dissipated.

'To play fast and loose' means 'to ignore obligations, be unreliable'.

She is mad at him as he played fast and loose with her affections.

You can't play fast and loose with the law.

There are several other meanings. We need not go into them now."

"What's the meaning of 'dastardly', sir?"

"The word is from 'daze'. It originally meant a dullard, a stupid fellow.

'Dastardly' now means 'cowardly and brutal'.

A dastard is one who does malicious acts in a cowardly manner.

The assassination was a dastardly act.

He is the greatest dastard and meanest wretch in the world.

He is a laggard in love and a dastard in war.

Don't say 'It was a dastardly and cowardly act'. The sense of cowardice is there in the word."

"What is the meaning of 'laggard', sir?"

"'Lag' means 'to go too slow'.

I could not keep pace with the others. I lagged behind.

A laggard is one that is very slow. I hope I have made myself dear.

Well, it is getting late for you. Goodbye."

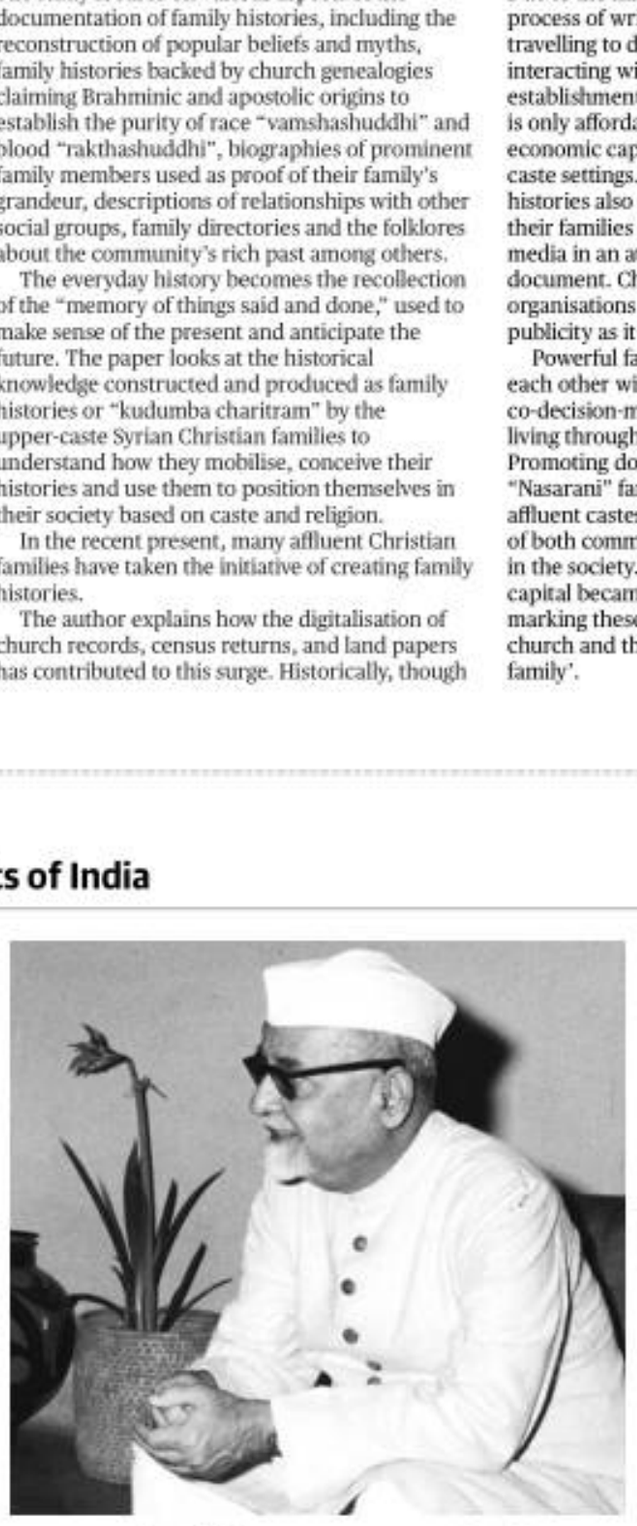
"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

THE DAILY QUIZ

A quiz on Presidents of India

1. Which Article of the Indian Constitution says that there shall be a President of India?
2. How many Presidents of India have been re-elected ?
3. Who was the first Vice President to be elevated as President in the subsequent elections?
4. Who administers the oath of office for the President of India?
5. Who is the only President of India who won 'unopposed'?
6. Who designed the Rashtrapati Bhavan, the President's Official Residence and the Office?

Compiled by: Venkataraghavan Srinivasan



◄ Identify this former President of India and what unique record does he have?

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's quiz: 1. On Mandela Day, why are South African citizens encouraged to spend 67 minutes in service to others? **Ans: To appreciate the number of years he spent fighting for justice, equality, and human rights**

2. What does Mandela's birth name, Rolihlahla, mean in his Xhosa tribe language? **Ans: Troublemaker or pulling the branch of a tree**

3. What is the biggest contribution of Miss Mdingane to his persona? **Ans: She gave him the name Nelson**

4. Mandela gave a speech on April 20, 1964 during the Rivonia Trial. What has the speech been dubbed as? **Ans: 'I Am Prepared to Die'**

5. Mandela had a single acting credit to his name in a 1992 film. Name the movie and its director. **Ans: 'Malcolm X' by Spike Lee**

6. With whom did Mandela share the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize? **Ans: South African President Frederik Willem de Klerk**

7. Name his autobiography, ghostwritten by Richard Stengel. **Ans: 'Long Walk To Freedom'**

8. Name the poem by William Ernest Henley which he read out to fellow prisoners. **Ans: 'Invictus'**

Visual: What is the significance of the number 46664. **Ans: It was his prison number at Robben Island. 46664 stood for Prisoner No. 466 in 1964**

Early Birds: K.N. Viswanathan | Girvar Singh Chaudhary | Teena Achint | Krishna Kashyap

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Timings
BENGALURU

TUESDAY, JUL. 19
RISE 06:02 SET 18:50
RISE 23:34 SET 11:15

WEDNESDAY, JUL. 20
RISE 06:02 SET 18:50
RISE 00:00 SET 12:05

THURSDAY, JUL. 21
RISE 06:03 SET 18:49
RISE 00:11 SET 12:54

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	31	23
Mysuru	29	20
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Demand for fine arts and visual arts courses shoots up in city

All institutions offering these courses are witnessing a big jump in admissions

ADITHI HOLLA
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BENGALURU

While the demand for humanities courses is dwindling across colleges in Bengaluru, a look at the current admission trends show that the demand for fine arts and visual arts has exponentially increased in the last few years. This year too, queries and admissions for these courses have remained high in the city.

At Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath (CKP), which offers over five courses in visual arts including the newly-introduced Ceramics and Animation course, the administration has observed close to 30% increase in applications received so far this year. "We usually get over 250-300 applications every year. But owing to an increased demand in the field, this year, we expect over 400 applications," said Babu Jattakar, Principal, Chitrakala Parishath College of Fine Arts.

While the College of Visual Arts increased the number of seats in 2019-20 from 150 to 250, new short-term, six-month courses in sculpture and printmaking have been introduced at CKP to cater to the demand. "This year's turnout has been greater than the what we saw during the pre-pandemic years," Mr. Babu added.

Admission through the years at Chitrakala Parishath's College of Fine Arts

Year	Number of seats	Number of admissions
2018 - 19	150	150
2019 - 20	250	158
2020 - 21	250	110
2021 - 22	250	148
2022 - 23	250	400*

*Applications so far

The increased employability factor in these fields is one of the major reasons for the rising demand, college authorities say. "Companies now look for creative employees as opposed to the earlier search for more technically-skilled employees. Technical skills can be taught but creativity is hard to imbibe," says R.H. Kulkarni, a professor at the college.

Parents keeping an open mind and letting their children choose courses that are away from the mainstream has helped students who are interested in arts to pursue the same, opine college managements. They also think that the economic status of parents greatly affects the courses chosen by the children. Usually students who opt for these coursew do not have an urgent need for a job and have the luxury of pursuing their passion.

Sindhu B.S., a student at the Chitrakala Parishat College of Fine Arts, said that she had been interested in art since she was a child and her parents motivated her to pursue fine arts.

"During the pandemic, most of my classmates had the time to pursue their hobbies in arts and crafts like never before. This motivated them to take up fine arts seriously as a career avenue later," she explained. Speaking about the variety of students she finds in her class, she said, "In classes, you will find students who are 18-years-old venturing into fine arts right after their 12th and also those who are almost 50, who did not have this option in degree in their time."

"While theatre courses usually have a mix of both wealthy and middle-class students, courses like music attract those from upper middle class and above. These trends vary. Essentially, when society has more disposable income, it provides more options for entertainment, which makes these courses more lucrative," said Anil Jospeh Pinto, Registrar, Christ University. He also said that between the last academic year and the current one, the admissions for performing arts has increased by 20%.

While many parents train their children in music and/or dance from a young age, some are keen to turn them into professions. "Students do not usually walk into these courses without some kind of training. Learning these subjects in classrooms provides them better exposure and also an opportunity to explore other forms of arts," said Vidya Kumari S., Director, School of Performing Arts, REVA University. Here, the admissions for the performing arts courses were 70% in 2020-21 and it increased to 88% in 2021-22. "This year, we are expecting it to go up further," Ms. Vidya added.

With ghat roads closed, people urge Rlys. to run special trains

'Augment coaches on existing trains, increase frequency'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

A shunting staff facilitating loco reversal on the Bengaluru-Kannur Overnight Express at Mangaluru Central on Sunday. • ANIL KUMAR SASTRY

With landslips on Shiradi Ghat and Sampaje Ghat roads almost snapping connectivity between Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts and Bengaluru, particularly through buses, people and passenger associations have urged the Railways to run special trains, augment coaches on and also increase frequency of existing trains.

After intermittent landslips at Donigal in Sakleshpur taluk of Hassan district on National Highway 75, the Hassan district administration has banned the movement of all heavy vehicles via Donigal. It has suggested alternative routes circumventing the affected stretch only for light motor vehicles.

While vehicles up to 16 tonnes were allowed to operate through Sampaje (Sullia-Madikeri, NH 275) and Charmadi (Belthangady-Mudigere, NH 73), the Kodagu Police have restricted the movement of multi-axle buses via Sampaje Ghat since Sunday, while Charmadi Ghat cannot accommodate multi-axle buses at all.

The two ghat roads become choc-a-bloc with other diverted vehicles thereby affecting the movement of buses too.

Buses running between the coastal region and Bengaluru have been reaching their destinations on either sides by more than three hours late since Sunday after the Hassan administration completely banned vehicular movement via Donigal.

The situation was similar on Monday too. On the other hand, three overnight trains (out of which one is a tri-weekly) and one, a day train between Bengaluru and the coastal region, were overcrowded with a long wait-list of passengers.

Pashchima Karavali Railway Yatri Abhivriddhi Samithi president G. Hanumanth Kamath has urged the Railways to enhance train services to the coastal region for the convenience of travellers.

sHe suggested that the maximum permissible additional coaches may be attached to Train No 16511/16512 Bengaluru-Kannur-Bengaluru via Mangaluru Central service and make Train No 16585/16586 Bengaluru-Mangaluru Central-Bengaluru tri-weekly express via Mysuru as a daily service.

Rail activist G.K. Bhat has suggested that the Railways operate a special train from Bengaluru to Karwar via Mangaluru to cater to the additional rush of passengers.

Four of family killed in road accident

STAFF REPORTER
KALABURAGI

Four people of a family were killed in a road accident near Balayya Camp in Raichur district on Monday morning. The deceased have been identified as Amardeep, 35, his wife Purnima, 30, and their children Jatin, 12, and Mahin, 7.

The victims belonged to Indore in Madhya Pradesh but were settled in Hyderabad. They were on their way to Hyderabad in a car when their vehicle collided with a truck.

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State government extends Jayadeva director's term by another year

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The State government has extended the tenure of C.N. Manjunath *(in picture)* as director of the Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research by one year. The decision was kept hanging till the last minute, with his earlier term ending on July 19.

His term extension comes amidst pressure from various quarters. Cutting across party lines, several elected representatives had called upon Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai (who heads the Jayadeva's governing council) to continue Dr. Manjunath as the director.

Employees of Jayadeva institute, including doctors and paramedical staff at Bengaluru and Kalaburgi, had submitted a memorandum seeking his extension to the Chief Minister on July 16.

Although he superannuated a few years ago, he has five more years' eligibility to continue as director, as per National Medical Commission (NMC) norms.

According to the NMC's "Teachers' Eligibility Qualifications in Medical Institutions Regulations, 2022" notified in the gazette on February 14, 2022, the maximum age limit up to which a person can be appointed or granted extension or re-employed in service against the posts of teacher, Medical Superintendent, Dean, Principal or Director has been increased to 70 years.

Thanking the Chief Minister and Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar for the extension, Dr. Manjunath told *The Hindu* that the Chief Minister personally communicated the decision to him on Monday.

Dr. Manjunath is credited for the institute ranking first in the field of interventional cardiology in the country. Recording 500% growth in the last 12 years, the institute is said to be the largest public sector heartcare destination in the world with a total 1,800 beds now. It has branches in three revenue divisions of Bengaluru, Mysuru, and Kalaburagi. While Mysuru has 400 beds, Kalaburagi has 130 beds. Work on upgrading the Kalaburagi branch to 350 beds is underway.

Besides, Jayadeva also has a 70-bed unit in ESIC hospital in Rajajinagar.

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Shri Kota Srinivasa Pujari, Minister of Social Welfare and Backward Classes Welfare, inaugurated the cancer treatment facility of yenopoy Hospital in Mangalore.

For More information, please contact : **Pre-examination Training Centre**
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FORM NO. NCLT. 3A
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BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL
BENGALURU BENCH AT BENGALURU
[Rule 35 of the National Company Law Tribunal Rules, 2016 read with Rule 16 of the Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016]
In the matter of Scheme of Amalgamation between
YUFLOW ENGINEERING PRVIATE LIMITED AND YUKEN INDIA LIMITED
and their respective shareholders and creditorsin the matter of Companies Act, 2013 In the matter of
YUFLOW ENGINEERING PRVIATE LIMITED AND YUKEN INDIA LIMITED
AND
CP (CAA) No.27/BB/ 2022.
Connected with
Company Application No. 38 of 2021

YUFLOW ENGINEERING PRIVATE LIMITED, A company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956, Having its registered office at B-80, 2nd Cross, 1st Stage, Peenya Industrial Area, Bengaluru – 560058.
...Petitioner No.1/ Transferor Company

AND : YUKEN INDIA LIMITED, A company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956, Having its registered office at No. 16- C, Doddanekundi Industrial Area II Phase, Mahadevapura, Bangalore – 560048.....
...Petitioner No.2/ Transferee Company

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION

A Petition under Sections 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013, seeking approval of the Scheme of Amalgamation between YUFLOW ENGINEERING PRIVATE LIMITED("Transferor Company") and YUKEN INDIA LIMITED ("Transferee Company") and their respective shareholders and creditors was presented before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench ("NCLT") on 02.06.2022. The said petition was admitted by the Hon'ble NCLT vide order dated 28.06.2022 and is fixed for hearing before the Hon'ble NCLT on 04.08.2022.

Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said petition should send to the petitioner's advocate, notice of his intention, signed by him or his advocate, with his name and address, so as to reach the petitioner's advocate not later than two days before the date fixed for the hearing of the petition. Where he seeks to oppose the petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of his affidavit shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

Dated: 19th July, 2022
Place: Bengaluru

ABHIJIT ATUR
Counsel for the Petitioners
M/s Agrasa Legal
2nd Floor, Shivashankar Plaza, 19, Lal Bagh Road, Richmond Circle, Bangalore - 560027

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DEATH

OBITUARY

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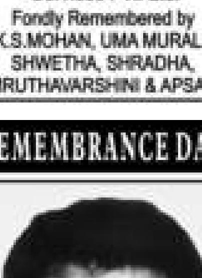

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SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION (TWO COVER) KW-4

Item rate tender in two cover system as per KTPP act-2000 with latest amendments is invited from the eligible Class-I contractors registered in KPWD (KW4) for the following work through e-procurement portal.

Work: 1) Filling up of Dharmapura and surrounding Tanks in Hiriyur Taluk, Chitradurga District-Stage-II (Turnkey Project). Amount put to Tender in Lakhs: Rs. 44,16,11,544.40. Period of Completion (including rainy season): 11 months.

Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-procurement website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 20.07.2022, Last Date & Time for enquiries about tender 03.08.2022 upto 05:30 P.M., Last Date for submission of Tenders 04.08.2022 upto 04:00 P.M. Opening of Technical bid Date: 05.08.2022 after 04:30 P.M (If possible). Opening of Finanical bid Date 06.08.2022 after 04:30 P.M (If possible). Tenders may be submitted along with EMD and tender fee (Mode of payment should be online only as prescribed in website). Amount mentioned in e-portal is final for the amount put to tender & the E.M.D. Additional information regarding works may be obtained from the Division Office during office hours & from e-procurement help desk No.080-25501216 & 080-25501227.

RO No. 358: DIPR/CTA/MCA/2022-23

Sd/- Executive Engineer

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION DIVISION, CUTTACK
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Bid Identification No. RWSSCTC 06/2022-23

The Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Division, Cuttack on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites lump sum bid through e-procurement in Double cover system according to norm of e-procurement.

1.	Nature of Work	Rural Piped W/S Schemes
2.	No. of Tenders	09 Nos.
3.	Tender Paper Cost	₹ 10,000/-
4.	Value of Work	₹ 124.69 Lakh to 371.58 Lakhs
5.	Class of Contractor	"Special", "A" , "B" Class
6.	Date and time of availability of bid document in portal	11 hour of 22.07.2022 to 06.08.2022 up to 17 hours.
7.	Date & time of seeking tender clarification clarification	05.08.2022 up to 17 hours
8.	Date & time of opening of tender	08.08.2022 at 11.30 Hours in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Division, Cuttack.
9.	Time of completion	6 months to 12 months

10. The bidders have to participate in online biding only. Further details can be seen from the website https://www.tendersorissa.gov.in

Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Division, Cuttack.

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No.: KBOCWWB/NOTIFICATIONS/CR-01/2022-23 Date: 16.07.2022

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

E-tender Notification in Two bid (Technical and Financial bids) & Three bid system (Pre-qualification, Technical and Financial bids) is hereby invited from interested Agencies for the following services and period, as per Terms of Reference described in this notification-

Sl. No.	Tender Number	Description of Service	Period of Contract	Earnest Money deposit (EMD)
1	KBOCWWB/ MHC/CR-12/2022-23	Selection of an Agency for Commissioning, Operating and Managing 03 Smart Mobile Clinic Units in jurisdiction of Labour Officer, Sub-division 2, Belagavi of Karnataka for the Registered Workers and their Dependents of KBOCWWB.	2 Years	Rs. 5,31,000/-
2	KBOCWWB/ MHC/CR-29/2022-23	Selection of an Agency for Commissioning, Operating and Managing 03 Smart Mobile Clinic Units in jurisdiction of Labour Officer, Bidar of Karnataka for the Registered Workers and their Dependents of KBOCWWB.	2 Years	Rs. 5,31,000/-
3	KBOCWWB/ MHC/CR-19/2022-23	Selection of an Agency for Commissioning, Operating and Managing 03 Smart Mobile Clinic Units in jurisdiction of Labour Officer, Hassan of Karnataka for the Registered Workers and their Dependents of KBOCWWB.	2 Years	Rs. 5,31,000/-
4	KBOCWWB/ MHC/CR-20/2022-23	Selection of an Agency for Commissioning, Operating and Managing 03 Smart Mobile Clinic Units in jurisdiction of Labour Officer, Chikkamagaluru of Karnataka for the Registered Workers and their Dependents of KBOCWWB.	2 Years	Rs. 5,31,000/-
5	KBOCWWB/ ADMIN/ VEHICLES/ CR-01/2022-23	Empanelment of Agencies for Providing A/C & Non-A/C Vehicles on Monthly Basis through Outsource for KBOCWWB, Bengaluru.	1 Year	Rs. 1,80,000/-

Tenders should be submitted electronically through e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** of the Government of Karnataka. Last date of applying for Sl. No. 01 to 04 e-tender is **16.08.2022 upto 5:30 p.m.** and Sl. No. 05 is **05.08.2022 upto 5:30 p.m.** Further details & information can be obtained from the Joint Secretary, KBOCWWB during office hours.

Sd/-
Joint Secretary, KB&OCWWB

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.:EEE/MWD/MNG/AEE(O)/1171-75 Date: 08.07.2022

NOTIFICATION

The Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited., have formulated the following Scheme under Section 67(2)(C) of Electricity Supply Act-2003 and the scheme had already been published as per Section 67(2) of the said Act mentioned above for information of the Licensee and any other persons/public interested.

PARTICULARS OF THE SCHEME ARE AS FOLLOWS.

(1) Name of the Scheme : 1) Establishing 2X500MVA, 400/220KV Sub-station at Kadandale in Moodabidre Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District and2) Construction of 400KV Double Circuit LILO line using Multicircuit towers with QUAD MOOSE ACSR conductor from 400KV UPCL-Shanthigrama D/C line to the proposed 400/220KV Kadandale Sub-station for a distance of about 4.20 Kms in Moodabidre Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District.3) Construction of 220KV Double Circuit LILO line using 220KV Multi Circuit towers with DRAKE ACSR conductor from existing 220KV Kemar-Bajpe D/C line to the proposed 400/220KV Kadandale Sub-station for a distance of about 5.20 Kms in Moodabidre Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District. 4) Construction 220KV Single Circuit LILO line using 220KV Multicircuit tower with AAAC MOOSE conductor from 220KV Kemar-Kavoor S/C line to the proposed 400/220KV Kadandale Sub-station for a distance of about 5.70 Kms in Moodabidre Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District.

(2) Salent Features: 1) Construction of 4.20Kms length of 400KV Double Circuit LILO line on 400KV Multi Circuit towers by using QUAD MOOSE ACSR conductors on Conventional GI Lattice type towers. 2) Construction of 5.20 Kms length of 220KV Double Circuit LILO line on 220KV Multi Circuit towers by using DRAKE ACSR conductors on Narrow Based GI Lattice type towers. 3) Construction of 5.70 Kms length of 220KV Single Circuit LILO line on 220KV Multi Circuit towers by using AAAC MOOSE ACSR conductors on Narrow Based GI Lattice type towers.

(3) Areas Passing Through: 1) The proposed power line work using 400KV overhead line is being taken up to maintain a reliable power supply system in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi District. The said overhead line with corridor width of 52 Mtrs commences at Kadandale Village limits by making LILO from the existing 400KV D/C UPCL-Shanthigrama line and ends in proposed 400/220KV Kadandale sub-station in Moodabidre Taluk. 2) The proposed power line work using 220KV overhead line is being taken up to connect the 220KV Kemar-Bajpe line to the proposed 400/220KV Kadandale Sub-station inorder to maintain a reliable power supply system in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi Districts. The said transmission line with corridor width of 35 Mtrs passes through Puttige, Paladka and Kadandale Village limts of Moodabidre Taluk and ends in proposed 400/220KV Kadandale sub-station in Moodabidre Taluk. 3) The proposed power line work using 220KV overhead line is being taken up to connect the 220KV Kemar-Kavoor (VM-3) line to the proposed 400/220KV Kadandale Sub-station inorder to maintain a reliable power supply system in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi Districts. The said transmission line with corridor width of 35 Mtrs passes through Puttige, Paladka and Kadandale Village limts of Moodabidre Taluk and ends in proposed 400/220KV Kadandale sub-station in Moodabidre Taluk.

(4) Approximate Cost Project: The approximate cost is 1) Proposed 400/220KV Sub-Station: Rs.19028.58 Lakhs 2) Proposed 400kV overhead transmission line : Rs.5779.51 Lakhs 3) Proposed overhead 220kV MC transmission line : Rs.1958.27 Lakhs 4) Proposed overhead 220kV MC (VM3) transmission line: Rs.2090.82 Lakhs including material, labour and civil cost.

The corporation shall have and shall exercise all power which the Telegraphic authorities possess under Part III of the Indian Telegraphic Act-1885 for carrying out the above scheme. Objections to the above scheme if any should be sent to the under signed One Month from the date of publication of this Notification for consideration of the corporation.

Sd/-, Executive Engineer (Elecl.),
Major Works Division, KPTCL, Kavoor, Mangaluru -15.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Gaurav** Gupta S/o Kailash Gupta , R/o: Flat 304, Pranavah Magnolia Apartment Margosa Avenue, Green Glen Layout, Bellandur, Bengaluru-560103, changed my name to Manish Gupta for all purposes

I, **GURUDAS**, S/o Pulin Kumar Sharma R/o No.7, A S K Lake Garden, Kempapura Main Road, Yemlur Post, Bengaluru-560037, have changed my name from Gurudas to Gurudas Sharma vide affidavit dated 18-07-2022 before Notary Uday Kumar.K. Bengaluru.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH 20)
O.S. No. 25281/2019
BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001 Represented by its Manager, and power of Attorney Holder **Mr. Pramodh G.**
AND
Ms. Tabrez Pasha
S/o Ubedulla, Aged About 35 Years, No. 23, 9th Cross, Manorayanapalya Sultan Palya, RT Nagar, Bangalore- 560032.

Whereas, the above named plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 2,78,369.55/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Nine and Paise Fifty Five Only)**, apart from future interest of **18% p.a.**, in **O.S.No. 25281/2019** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-20**, Before Addl., City Civil Court, Mayohall, by Bengaluru

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 22nd Day of September 2022 at 11 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Exparte.

Given under my, Hand and Seal of the Court this the 5th day of July, 2022

Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court Mayohall,
BENGALURU- 560 001

FX & Co., ADVOCATES,
New NO.9, OLD NO. 11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.

IN THE COURT OF THE 57th ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH- 58)
O.S. No. 26546/2021
Hg.:06.09.2022
BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore 560001, Represented by its Manager and power of Attorney Holder Mr. Pramodh G.
AND :
Mr. Nandeesh T S/o. Mr. Thippa Reddy Aged about 30 years, No. 66, 2nd Floor, 13th Cross, 4th Main Veera, T Nagar, Bommanahalli Bangalore-560068.

Whereas the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs.14,30,454.32/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Thirty Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Four And Paise Thirty Two Only)**, apart from future interest of 12.59% p.a., in **O.S. No. 26546/2021** and -same is pending adjudication in **CCH- 58**, Before. 57th Addl, City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayohall, Bengaluru:

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 06 Day of September 2022 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex- parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 13th day of July 2022.

By order of the court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court Mayohall.
BENGALURU- 560'001

FX & Co., ADEOCATES,
New NO:6, Old No. 11/1
Gover Road Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.

IN THE COURT OF THE XXVI ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH- 20)
O.S. No. 28178/2017
Hg: 26/09/2022
BETWEEN
ICICI Bank Ltd
Having its Registered Office at Land Mark, Race course circle, Vadodara- 390007 And its branch office at Mythri Center, #4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 ...Plaintiff
And
Mr. R. Ramakrishna ...Defendant

SUMMONSTO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. R. Ramakrishna,
Aged about 32 years, S/o Venkateshwara Rao Ravi, R/a: Jeevansri Home, House No.896-689-1, Srimanya Layout, 7th Cross, Opp. Kodandarama Temple, Doddenakondi, Bangalore - 560037

Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking Recovery of **Rs. 6,00,292.90/- (as on 07/07/2017)** along with interest at **18% p.a.** and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the 26th Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore **[CCH 20]** in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on **26/09/2022** at **11 A.M.** Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court, this, **15th** day of **July, 2022.**

Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
Shiva & Co. Advocates,
No.109, Commerce House,
9/1, Cunningham Road,
Bangalore- 560052

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RINKI** Keswani, D/O Khushal Keswani, W/O Ankesh Sejwani born on 13 NOV 1993,married on 3rd July 2021 residing at Flat No: 104, Sai Ram Residence, 10th Cross, Shirdi Sai Layout,Munnekolala Village,Bangalore-560037 have changed my name to Manvi Sejwani vide affidavit dated 03 May 2022 at Bangalore for all future purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 57th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH- 58)
O.S. NO. 25089/2020
BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001 Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Pramodh G. ...Plaintiff
V/S
Mr. Naqeeb Javeed ...Defendant

Summons To Defendent

Mr. Naqeeb Javeed,
S/o. Mr. Allah Baksh, Aged About 32 Years, #1741, 3rd Main Gurappana Playa, Near Jal Bhavan, Bangalore- 560029

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 2,53,297.77/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Seven and Paise Seventy Seven Only)** apart from future interest of **18% p.a.**, in **O.S. No. 25089/2020** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-58**, Before the 57th Addl. City Civil Court Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the **05th** Day of **September, 2022** at **11 A.M.** to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the **13th day** of **July 2022.**

By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall,
BENGALURU-560001

FX & CO., ADVOCATES,
New No.9, Old No.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.

IN THE COURT OF THE 57th ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH- 58)
O.S. No. 25862/2019
BETWEEN:
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001 Represented by its Manager and power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Pramodh G. ...Plaintiff
V/S
Mr. Chakdhar Gyal T. ...Defendant

Summons To The Deffendant

Mr. Chakdhar Gyal T. S/o. Tsering Sonam, Aged about 38 years, No. 60/P, Ground Floor, Chirayil House, JJ Church Road., 2nd Cross, Ejipura, Bangalore-560047.

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has, filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 2,92,567.71/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Seven and Paise Seventy One Only)**, apart from future interest in **O.S.No. 25862/2019** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-58**, Before the 57th Addl.City Civil Court. Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 18th Day of August 2022 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the court this the 30th day of 2022

By order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court Mayohall.
BENGALURU- 560 001

FX & Co., ADEOCATES,
New NO: 6, OLD NO. 11/1
Gover Road Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.

IN THE COURT OF 57th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH- 58)
O.S. NO. 26455/2020
Hg: 06.09.2022
BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001 Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Pramodh G. ...Plaintiff
V/S
Mohamed Ismail Mohamood ...Defendant

Summons To Defendent

Mr. Mohamed Ismail Mohamood, S/o. Mr. Mohamood, Aged About 37 Years, No. 1004, Sharacamma House, 2nd Floor Old B, Channasandra Main Road, Dodda Banaswadi, Bangalore- 560043.

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 3,51,344.00/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Three Hundred Forty Four Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No. 26455/2020** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-58**, Before the 57nd Addl. City Civil Court Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 06th Day of September, 2022 at 11 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 13th day of July 2012.

By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall,
BENGALURU-560001

FX & CO., ADVOCATES,
New No.9, Old No.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ANANDARAM,** R/o No.102, G Floor, 2nd Cross, OMBR Layout, Opp. to Fire Station, Banaswadi Main Road, Bengaluru-560043 have changed my name from Anandaram to Anand Seervi vide affidavit dt:18-07-2022 before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH 74)
O.S. No. 25115/2020
BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001 Represented by its Manager and power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Pramodh G. ...Plaintiff
V/S
Mr. M.K. BHUPATHI ...Defendant

Summons To Defendent

Mr. M.K. BHUPATHI,
S/o. Mr. Murali, Aged About 30 Years, #158, Charlea Campbell Road, Opp Uma Gym, Cox Town, Bangalore- 560 005.

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs.3,52,182.89/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand One Hundred Eighty Two and Paise Eighty Nine Only)** apart from future interest of **18% p.a.**, in **O.S.No. 25115/2020** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-74**, Before Addl., City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 25th Day of July 2022 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Exparte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 30th day of 2022.

Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall,
BENGALURU- 560 001

FX & Co., ADVOCATES,
New NO.9, OLD NO. 11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.

IN THE COURT OF THE 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH- 20)
O.S. No. 25089/2019
BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001 Represented by its Manager and power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Pramodh G. ...Plaintiff
V/S
Mr. Anil Kumar ...Defendant

Summons To Defendant

Mr. Anil Kumar
S/o. Subbra Rao, Aged about 34 years, No.17, 17th Cross, Gowdanapalya, 2nd Stage Kumaraswamy Layout, Near Srinivasa Theater, Bangalore-560061.

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 2,69,238.95/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Eight and Paise Ninety Five Only)**, apart from future interest 18% p.a in **O.S.No. 25089/2019** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-20**, Before the Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the **23rd** Day of **September 2022** at **11:00 A.M.** to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the court this the **5th day** of **July 2022.**

By order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall
BENGALURU- 560 001

FX & Co., ADVOCATES,
New No.9, Old No.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT MAYO HALL, BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. No. 25424/2020
Between
ICICI Bank Limited
having its Registered Office at ICICI Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara-390007 And its Branch Office at Mythri Centre, No. 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 ...Plaintiff
And
Ravi Kiran M ...Defendant

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

To,
Ravi Kiran M,
Aged about 32 years,
S/o Mohandas B,
R/a: #103, 1st Floor, KEB Building, 20th Cross, Venkateshwara Layout, Maruthi Nagar Main Road, Madiwala, Bangalore- 560068 ...Defendant

Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of **Rs. 2,50,336.49/-** as on 07/01/2020 along with interest at 11% p.a. and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Court of City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore [CCH20] in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on 15/09/2022 at 11:A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this court, this 15th day of July 2022

Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, MayoHall Unit, Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
Shiva & Co. Associates,
No. 109, Commerce House
9/1 Cunnigham Road,
Bangalore- 560052

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Ankur** S/o Binay Kumar Singh , R/o: D 725, Platinum Lifestyle Apartment, Sy No 16/4, 80 Feet Bda Road, Jp Nagar 8th Phase, Bangalore South, Gottigere, Bengaluru-560083, changed my name to Ankur Singh for all purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT
(ORDER 5, RULE 20 OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE)
IN THE COURT OF MS. GEETANJALI, ADJ-05 (SOUTH-EAST)
ROOM NO.603, SIXTH FLOOR, SAKET COURTS, NEW DELHI
CASE NO. - RCA/59/2020
SS SUPLY CHAIN SOLUTIONS PVT. LTD
Vs
RAINAC INDIA
To,
M/S RAINAC INDIA LTD.
5, SARASWATI NIVASH
SARASWATHIPURAM, BANGALORE

Whereas you are intentionally evading service of summons it is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on 21.07.2022 at 10 a.m., the day fixed for the final disposal it will be heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court, this 28.04.2022

Additional District Judge-05
Saket, New Delhi

మహారాష్ట్ర వడ్యాయ సీనియర్ సివిల్ జడ్జి వారి కోర్టులో
E.P.No.7/2019 in O.S.NO.176/1970
Between:-
వడి పాండురాజు ...D.H.R
మరియు
మద్దినేని నరసింహం (died)
& ఇంకా ...J.D.Rs
To
వడి సూర్యచంద్రరావు @ సూరయ్య, S/o. వెంకటేశ్వర్లు, R/o. బాపట్ల పోలీస్, సీలాగిల్లు క్వాటర్, మార్గం తాలూకా, రాయచూరు జిల్లా, కర్నాటక (R II).

పై నెంబరు గల పిటీషనులో, ప్రతివాది వారు నిమిత్తం పై కోర్టు వారు ది.22-8-2022 న వాయిదా వేసినారు. కావున పై ప్రతివాదిపై తెలియ కోర్టు వారి ఎదుట ది.22-8-2022 న ఉదయం 10.30 గంటలకు స్వయంగా గాని, వకీలు ద్వారా గాని హాజరై తమ ఆక్షేపణలు తెలుపుకోవలెను. లేని ఎడల మీ వర్జిక్యంలో కోర్టు వారు తీర్మానించెదరు.
(కోర్టు వారి ఉత్తర్వులు మేరకు)

T.SURESH BABU
ADVOCATE, Cell: 9440333262
PARCHUR - 523169

IN THE COURT OF THE 57th ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH- 58)
O.S. NO. 26537/2020
BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001. Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Pramodh G. ...Plaintiff
V/S
Mr. Gowthaman ...Defendant

Summons To Defendent

Mr. Gowthaman
S/o. Kashinathan
Aged about 35 years
Room No. 665 Second, Near Muneshwara Temple, Attibele, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore- 562107.

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **5,35,575.42/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Five and Paise Forty Two Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a. in **O.S. No. 26537/2020** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-57**, Before the 25th Addl. City Civil Court Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 18th Day of August, 2022 at 11 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 30th day of June 2022.

By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall,
BENGALURU-560001

FX & CO., ADVOCATES,
New No.9, Old No.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.

IN THE COURT OF THE 57th ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH- 58)
O.S. NO. 26320/2019
BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001 Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Pramodh G. ...Plaintiff
V/S
Mr. Kumaranaik H ...Defendant

Summons To Defendent

Mr. Kumaranaik H
S/o. Hemanaik
Aged about 36 years
No. 7, 18th Cross Shivapura, Chokkasandra, Near Manappuram Golden Loan, Bangalore- 560057.

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **2,96,447.49/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Four Hundred Forty Seven and Paise Forty Nine Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a. in **O.S. No. 26320/2019** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-58**, Before the 25th Addl. City Civil Court Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 30th Day of July, 2022 at 11 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 30th day of June 2022.

By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall,
BENGALURU-560001

FX & CO., ADVOCATES,
New No.9, Old No.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.

Deputy Conservator of Forests & Director,
Bhadra Tiger Reserve, Chikkamagaluru.

No. A7/CAMPA/e-Tender/CR-22/2022-23 Date: 15.07.2022

Tender Notice for Forest Works

e-Tender is invited for undertaking Forest Works in the limits of Bhadra Tiger Reserve, Chikkamagaluru Division under "CAMPA" Head of Account for the year 2022-23 from Registered Contractors. Last date for receipt of Tender is 29.07.2022 up to 4.00 PM. There are total 07 works. Further information regarding the said Tender can be obtained from this office.

Sd/- Deputy Conservator of Forests & Director,
Bhadra Tiger Reserve, Chikkamagaluru.

DIPR/dkm/No 91/mca/22-23/604

RASHTRIYA MILITARY SCHOOL, BENGALURU
(A Residential Public School under Ministry of Defence
Govt of India & Affiliated to CBSE, Delhi)

(WALK IN INTERVIEW)

Required Teachers on Contractual basis:-

Sl No	Vacancy	No of Vacancy
(a)	Master Gazetted (PGT, Maths)	(01)
(b)	Master Gazetted (PGT, Computer Science)	(01)
(c)	Assistant Master (TGT, Hindi)	(01)
(d)	Assistant Master (TGT, Computer Science)	(01)
(e)	Counsellor	(01)

(open to all categories)

Eligibility, service conditions and Application Forms are available on www.rashtriyamilitaryschools.edu.in

A walk-in interview will be conducted on 28 July 2022 at 0900 hrs.
Eligible Candidates to report to school directly

Principal

Karnataka Public works Department.
Tumkur Division, Karnataka Telephone: 0816-2272479,

No;EE/KPWD/Tmk/JE.3/T.No.14/2022-23 Dt: 11.07.2022

Invitation For Tender (IFT) KW. 3 & 4
e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Government of Karnataka tenders are invited in Two cover system for Class-3 & above Contractors registered in PWD for 15 work under 8443: Deposit Contribution and 5054- Appendix-E Head of accounts in the jurisidiction of Tumkur Division through e-procurement. The dates are published as below. (Max Amount Put to Tender Rs.525.47 Lakhs, Min Amount Put to Tender Rs.107.50 Lakhs, Max EMD Amt Rs.7,88,200/-, Min EMD Amt Rs.1,61,300/-)

1. Last date for tender information queries : **12.08.2022** : 16.00. **2.** Last date for submission of tender : **17.08.2022** : 16.00. **3.** Date of opening the Technical bid : **18.08.2022** : 16.30. **4.** Date of opening the Financial bid : **20.08.2022** : 16.30. **Note:** Turnover Certificate without UDI Number will not be considered.

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PWD DIVISION, TUMKUR.

DIPR/TUM/364/MCA/2022-23

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Division,
R.R. Nagara Zone, BBMP Office Building, 2nd Floor,
Neharu Road, BEML Layout, Bengaluru-560098

No.: BBMP/EE/Proj/TEN/06/2022-23 Date: 18.07.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal)
TWO COVER SYSTEM

The Executive Engineer, Project Division, R.R.Nagara Zone, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible reputed consulting firms for Project Management Consultancy (PMC) work detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Project Cost (in Lakhs)
1	Providing Consultancy Services for Construction supervision Project Management Service including Proof Checking and Quality Control for the work of Construction of Kempegowda Study Center at Bangalore University **Ward No. 129**, Bengaluru.	5000.00

Calendar of events: (1) Tender Documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from **20.07.2022. (2)** Last Date for receipt of Tenders is on **30.07.2022** upto **4:00 p.m. (3)** Date of Opening of technical bid is on **01.08.2022** by **4:00 p.m.** or next working day. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Project) , R.R. Nagar Zone, BBMP

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Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

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Government of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, CHITRADURGA
(District Urban Dvelopment Cell)
Telephone No: 08194-225713, E-mail: dudc_ctg@yahoo.co.in
No: DUDC/NAGAROTHANA Phase 05/TS 03/2022-23
Date: 15.07.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, DUDC, Chitradurga District invites tenders in Two cover system using KW-4 document from class-1 PWD contractors for Chief Minister Amruth Nagarothana (Municipality) Scheme (Phase-4) Project in Chitradurga District Package works as detailed below.

Description of work: Hiriyur City Municipal Council: 1) Package No. 01:- Development of Road and Drains works in Hiriyur CMC limits under Chief Minister's Amrtuh Nagarothana (Municipality) Scheme (Phase-4) Indent No. DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT 133412. **Estimate Cost:** Rs. 1617.29 Lakhs. **Amount Put to Tender (Excluding GST):** Rs. 1374.77 Lakhs. EMD Amount: 15.00 Lakh. Period of Construction (including Monsoon): 18 Months.

Interested Catering contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender. Contractors can download the tender documents from the e-Procurement platform www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Tenders shall be submitted electronically and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically.

Calendar of Events and other information's are as follows: (1) Pre-bid meeting date: 02.08.2022 at 11:00 hrs. (2) Last Date for submitting quaries: 18.08.2022 at 05:30 hrs. (3) Last Date for downloading of blank tender documents: 26.08.2022 at 05:30 hrs. (4) Last Date for uploading of completed tender documents: 26.08.2022 at 05:30 hrs. (5) Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids): 29.08.2022 at 05:30 hrs. (6) Date of Opening of Tenders (Financial Bids): After approval of Technical Bid.

Any changes in the Tender conditions and postponement of calendar of events (if any) is only thruough e-procurement portal and will not be published in any newspaper.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer, District Urban Dvelopment Cell, Chitradurga

RO No. 349: DIPR/CTA/MCA/2022-23

MYSORE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

In Mysore.... My Home

E-Auction Notification of **COMMERCIAL, CORNER & INTERMEDIATE PREMIUM SITES**
in prominent locations Developed by Mysore Urban Development Authority
No.MUDA/E-AN/02/2022-23 / 12.07.2022

1. Opening Bid of e-Auction : 18.07.2022 After 18.00 hrs IST
2. Last Date for Expression of Interest in Participating e-Auction : 29.07.2022, Upto 18.00 hrs IST
3. Last date of closing e-Auction Bid : 01.08.2022 upto 18.00 hrs IST

Sl. No.	Layout Name	Site No./ Inter./Corner	Road Facing in Mtr.	Measurement (In mtrs) N-S	E-W	Measurement	Site Value (Rs. In Lakhs)
COMMERCIAL, CORNER & INTERMEDIATE PREMIUM SITES 9 Mtr Outer Ring Road Facing 45mtr (150 ft)							
1	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 1st Phase	825/C Inter.	W 9.00	18.00	25.00	450.00	196.65
24mtr (80 feet) Road							
2	Dattagalli 3rd stage	5011 Corner	W-S 24.00	18.00	(18.50+7.00)/2	229.50	122.09
3	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	3136 Corner	E-S 24.0	(25.80+16.90)/2	22.00	459.80	202.03
4	Devanuru 3rd Stage	3032 Inter.	W 30.00	15.00	24.00	360.00	87.89
5	Vijayanagara 2nd Stage	2445 Corner	N-W 24.00	24.00	(16.50+4.00)/2	246.00	129.70
18mtr (60 feet) Road							
6	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	150 Inter.	E 18.00	15.00	24.00	360.00	155.61
7	Dattagalli (Ramakrishnanagar) 2nd Stage 'A' & B Block	05 Inter.	W 18.00	15.00	24.00	360.00	194.94
8	Dattagalli 'H' Block (Ramakrishnanagar)	36/B Corner	S-W 18.00	(700+1850)/2	19.30	246.07	133.83
9	Dattagalli 'H' Block (Ramakrishnanagar)	106/C Corner	S-W 18.00	(11.00+1850)/2	18.00	283.5	154.19
10	Dattagalli 'H' Block (Ramakrishnanagar)	175/D Corner	S-E 18.00	(750+1240)/2	18.00	179.10	97.41
11	Dattagalli 'H' Block (Ramakrishnanagar)	176/D Corner	S-W 18.00	(1.80+1800)/2	18.00	268.2	145.87
12	Dattagalli (Ramakrishnanagar) 2nd Stage 'G' Block	447/B Corner	E-N 18.60	9.50	(12.00+15.00)/2	128.25	69.75
13	Dattagalli (Ramakrishnanagar) 2nd Stage 'G' Block	488 Corner	E-S 18.6.75	10.00	(13.00+18.30)/2	156.5	85.12
14	Dattagalli (Ramakrishnanagar) 2nd Stage 'G' Block	504 Corner	E-N 18.6.75	9.30	(8.30+16.00)/2	112.99	61.45
15	Dattagalli (Ramakrishnanagar) 2nd Stage 'G' Block	505 Corner	E-N 18-7	9.00	(6.00+14.50)/2	92.25	50.17
16	Devanuru 2nd Stage 2nd Phase	3065 Corner	S-E 18-9	24.00	15.00	360.00	110.43
Commercial Site							
17	Ialithadrinagar North	04 Corner	E-W-S 9-9-18	(1150+2260)/2	44.00	750.20	258.08
15mtr (50 feet) Road							
18	Sathagalli 1st Stage	180/C Corner	E-N 9-15	12.00	9.00	108.00	35.01
19	Sathagalli 1st Stage	451 Corner	N-E 15-9	(8.50+1030)/2	18.00	170.10	54.14
20	Sathagalli 1st Stage	510 Inter.	S 15.00	18.00	12.00	216.00	67.87
21	Sathagalli 1st Stage	641 Corner	W-S9-15	18.00	12.00	216.00	70.03
12mtr (40 feet) Road							
22	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	224 Inter.	N - 12.00	18.00	12.00	216.00	91.31
23	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	225 Inter.	N - 12.00	18.00	12.00	216.00	91.31
24	Vijayanagara 4th Stage 2nd Phase	232 Inter.	N - 12.00	18.00	12.00	216.00	91.31
25	Dattagalli (Ramakrishnanagar) 2nd Stage 'A' & 'B' Block	110 Inter.	N - 12.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	57.46
26	Dattagalli (Ramakrishnanagar) 2nd Stage 'A' & 'B' Block	110/A Inter.	N - 12.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	57.46
27	Dattagalli (Ramakrishnanagar) 2nd Stage 'A' & 'B' Block	110/B Inter.	N - 12.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	57.46
28	Dattagalli (Ramakrishnanagar) 2nd Stage 'A' & 'B' Block	110/C Inter.	N - 12.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	57.46
29	Dattagalli (Ramakrishnanagar) 2nd Stage 'A' & 'B' Block	110/D Corner	N-W-12.00	12.00	(8.00+17.50)/2	153.00	81.76
30	Dattagalli (Ramakrishnanagar) 2nd Stage 'A' & 'B' Block	128 Inter.	S - 12.00	18.00	12.00	216.00	114.91
31	Dattagalli (Ramakrishnanagar) 2nd Stage 'A' & 'B' Block	129 Inter.	S - 12.00	18.00	12.00	216.00	114.91
32	Dattagalli (Ramakrishnanagar) 2nd Stage 'A' & 'B' Block	131 Inter.	S - 12.00	18.00	12.00	216.00	114.91
33	Dattagalli (Ramakrishnanagar) 2nd Stage 'A' & 'B' Block	132 Inter.	S - 12.00	18.00	12.00	216.00	114.91
9mtr (30 feet) Road							
34	J.P.Nagar 1st Stage, 'F' Block	72 Corner	E-N 9.00	24.00	(18.00+19.00)/2	444.00	166.61
35	Nachanahalli 1st Stage 'D' Block	950 Inter.	E 9.00	10.55	15.50	162.75	60.69
36	Nachanahalli 2nd Stage	58 Inter.	S 9.00	6.00	9.50	57.00	21.25
37	Nachanahalli 2nd Stage	59 Inter.	S 9.00	6.00	9.50	57.00	21.25
38	Nachanahalli-Kuppaluru 3rd Stage 'D' Block	99 Corner	W 9.00	13.00	18.00	234.00	87.81
39	Nachanahalli-Kuppaluru 3rd Stage 'D' Block	111 Inter.	E 9.00	12.00	18.00	216.00	80.54
40	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2687 Inter.	E 9.00	9.00	15.00	135.00	48.09
41	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2690 Inter.	E 9.00	9.00	15.00	135.00	48.09
42	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2698 Inter.	W 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	38.48
43	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2699 Inter.	W 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	38.48
44	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2701 Inter.	W 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	38.48
45	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2702 Inter.	W 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	38.48
46	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2711 Inter.	W 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	38.48
47	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2715 Inter.	W 9.00	9.00	15.00	135.00	48.09
48	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2716 Inter.	W 9.00	9.00	15.00	135.00	48.09
49	Srirampura 3rd Stage	2750 Inter.	E 9.00	9.00	17.80	160.20	57.07
50	Handuvinahalli (Nanjasagudu)	29 Inter.	W 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	10.53
51	Handuvinahalli (Nanjasagudu)	47 Corner	S-W 9.00	9.00	4.00	36.00	3.60
52	Handuvinahalli (Nanjasagudu)	2714 Inter.	S 9.00	14.20	9.00	127.80	53.42
53	Vijayanagara 4th Stage2nd Phase	2716/B Inter.	S 9.00	(14.30+14.20)/2	9.00	128.25	53.61
54	Vijayanagara 4th Stage2nd Phase	2716/C Inter.	S 9.00	(14.30+14.20)/2	9.00	126.90	53.04
55	Vijayanagara 4th Stage2nd Phase	5016 Corner	N-E 9-18	12.00	10.00	120.00	50.45
56	Vijayanagara 4th Stage2nd Phase	5031 Corner	N-W 12.00	12.00	(5.75+6.00)/2	70.50	29.64
57	Vijayanagara 4th Stage2nd Phase	5032 Corner	S-W 9-18	12.00	5.50	66.00	27.75
58	Vijayanagara 4th Stage2nd Phase	5112 Corner	N-E 9-18	9.00	(7.15+7.00)/2	63.67	26.77
59	Vijayanagara 4th Stage2nd Phase	5157 Corner	S-E 9-18	9.00	(6.40+6.00)/2	55.80	23.46
60	Vijayanagara 4th Stage2nd Phase	5158 Corner	N-E 9-18	9.10	(5.80+6.00)/2	53.69	22.57
61	Vijayanagara 4th Stage2nd Phase	5203 Corner	S-E 9-18	9.00	(5.90+5.75)/2	52.42	22.04
62	Vijayanagara 4th Stage2nd Phase	7045 Inter.	E 9.00	12.00	16.50	198.00	82.76
63	Vijayanagara 4th Stage2nd Phase	9317 Inter.	E 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	45.14
64	Vijayanagara 4th Stage2nd Phase	9318 Inter.	E 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	45.14
65	Vijayanagara 4th Stage2nd Phase	9319 Inter.	E 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	45.14
66	Vijayanagara 4th Stage2nd Phase	9320 Inter.	E 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	45.14
67	Vijayanagara 4th Stage2nd Phase	9321 Inter.	E 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	45.14
68	Vijayanagara 4th Stage2nd Phase	9322 Inter.	E 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	45.14
69	Vijayanagara 4th Stage2nd Phase	9323 Inter.	E 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	45.14
70	Vijayanagara 4th Stage2nd Phase	20 Inter.	S 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	52.84
71	Hebbalu 1st Stage	01 Corner	S-W 9.00	9.00	11.50	69.00	36.05
72	Hebbalu 1st Stage	185 Corner	S-W 9.6	12.00	(7.30+6.30)/2	81.60	42.64
73	Hebbalu 1st Stage	3071 Inter.	W 9.00	12.00	(6.00+4.00)/2	60.00	28.50
74	Hebbalu 2nd Stage	1827 Inter.	E 9.00	8.80	11.20	98.56	46.82
75	Hebbalu 2nd Stage	1828 Inter.	E 9.00	8.80	11.20	98.56	46.82
76	Hebbalu 2nd Stage	1840 Inter.	E 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	51.30
77	Hebbalu 2nd Stage	1842 Inter.	E 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	51.30
78	Hebbalu 2nd Stage	1845 Inter.	W 9.00	9.00	11.80	106.20	50.45
79	Hebbalu 2nd Stage	1846 Inter.	W 9.00	9.00	11.80	106.20	50.45
80	Hebbalu 2nd Stage	1847 Inter.	W 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	51.30
81	Hebbalu 3rd Stage	1307 Inter.	E 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	51.30
82	Hebbalu 3rd Stage	1308 Inter.	E 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	51.30
83	Hebbalu 3rd Stage	1309 Inter.	E 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	51.30
84	Hebbalu 3rd Stage	1312 Inter.	E 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	51.30
85	Dattagalli (Ramakrishnanagar) 2nd Stage 'H' Block	367/1 Inter.	W 9.00	9.00	12.00	108.00	56.94
86	Dattagalli (Ramakrishnanagar) 2nd Stage 'H' Block	529 Corner	E-W-S 9.00	4.50	(10.00+11.00)/2	51.75	27.41
87	Dattagalli (Ramakrishnanagar) 2nd Stage 'H' Block	534/A Inter.	W 9.00	9.00	(9.00+12.00)/2	94.50	49.83
88	Dattagalli (Ramakrishnanagar) 2nd Stage 'H' Block	534/B Inter.	W 9.00	18.00	(8.75+9.00)/2	87.75	46.27
89	Hanchya-Sathagalli 'B'Zone	613 Inter.	S 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	31.24
90	Hanchya-Sathagalli 'B'Zone	615 Inter.	S 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	31.24
91	Hanchya-Sathagalli 'B'Zone	637 Inter.	S 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	31.24
92	Hanchya-Sathagalli 'B'Zone	640 Inter.	S 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	31.24
93	Hanchya-Sathagalli 'B'Zone	641 Inter.	S 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	31.24
94	Sathagalli 1st Stage	206/A Corner	N-W 9.00	12.00	9.00	108.00	34.47
95	Sathagalli 1st Stage	292 Corner	N-E 9.00	(14.00+16.70)/2	18.30	280.90	89.66
96	Sathagalli 1st Stage	426/A Corner	N-W 9.00	(8.30+17.00)/2	12.30	160.51	51.23
97	Sathagalli 1st Stage	461 Corner	S-E 9.00	(13.50+7.00)/2	(19.00+18.20)/2	190.65	60.86
98	Sathagalli 1st Stage	640 Corner	W-N 9.00	18.00	12.00	216.00	68.95
99	Sathagalli 1st Stage	1620 Corner	E-N 9.00	12.00	18.00	216.00	68.95
100	Gayathripuram 2nd Stage 1st Phase	52/B Corner	S 9.00	(18.50+11.70)/2	(13.50+6.00)/2	97.12	27.91

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Row over GST: Opposition calls it a blow to the poor, middle class

FKCCI says though GST is not being levied on wholesale packaging, 5% on pre-packed and labelled food items sold in retail is going to cost ordinary families dear

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

As the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on several items, especially pre-packaged food, came into force on Monday, the Opposition Congress and the Janata Dal (Secular) attacked the Bharatiya Janata Party for causing distress among the poor and middle class who are already affected by rising prices.

The Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI) too expressed feared that the household budget on groceries would go up. The FKCCI has said that though GST is not being levied on wholesale packaging, 5% on pre-packed and labelled food items sold in retail is going to cost the ordinary families dear.

The Goods and Services Tax on several items, especially pre-packaged food, came into force on Monday • FILE PHOTO

Gold and foodgrains

"We do not understand why gold that is not an essential commodity is taxed at 3% and foodgrains is being taxed at 5%. In most urban centres, nearly 80% of the food products that are sold is pre-packed, so most household expenses on groceries will straight away rise by 5%. Across the country, an estimated 50% of food products are pre-packed and labelled," said FKCCI Vice-President Ramesh Chandra Lahoti, adding that the traders will pass on the hike to the consumer. He urged that exemption on food products should be continued especially at a time when inflation is high worldwide and the country is coming out of the pandemic shadow.

The hotel industry also expressed unhappiness as even the budget hotel rooms are brought under the 12% GST rate bracket, and comes at a time when business is picking up. This along with the GST on pre-packed food products will affect business, the industry claimed.

Meanwhile, as the new rates came into force on Monday, two former Chief Ministers Siddaramaiah and H.D. Kumaraswamy asked if this was 'Ache Din' promised by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

'Tax terrorism'

Terming the development as "tax terrorism", Mr. Siddaramaiah said that the tax on pre-packed labelled food products shows that the Centre buckled under the pressure of companies that sell branded products, and will not only affect families suffering from price rise but also thousands of micro enterprises, calling it "snatching food from the plates of the poor."

The Leader of the Opposition told presspersons that while essential commodities used by the poor and middle class is being taxed, the corporate tax has been lowered from 30% to 22%.

KPCCC president D.K. Shivakumar called it "gift to people after eight years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rule." On the one hand, income of people has not increased and on the other, prices of essential commodities have risen, he pointed out.

Double whammy

JD(S) leader Mr. Kumaraswamy said that the anti-poor decision of the Union government was robbing poor people of their food by rising taxes and prices. "Thousands of families are already on streets due to COVID-19 pandemic. This decision of imposing GST on food products has to be reviewed," he said.

However, former Minister and senior BJP leader K.S. Eshwarappa defended the hike and said that due to circumstances, the GST had become "inevitable."

Prices need not go up: Bommai

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Defending GST on certain essential products, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday said that the cost of the essential products need not increase since traders can file documents to claim reimbursement.

"GST at the rate of 5% has been imposed only on packed items that are branded. Even in this, there is scope for claim," said Mr. Bommai, who headed the Group of Ministers in the GST Council that recommended removal of exemption that has been provided for these products.

> **Traders should understand tax properly. Instead of collecting 5% GST from customers, they should claim reimbursement.**
>
> BASAVARAJ BOMMAI
> Chief Minister

He said that the GST Council will clarify on these, and traders should understand tax properly. Instead of collecting 5% GST from customers, they should make claims, he said. Mr. Bommai further said that these issues will be discussed in the GST Council in future.

However, Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah asked, "If it can be claimed, why did they impose GST?"

Top KPCC leaders hold meeting

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Top KPCC leaders, including Siddaramaiah, D.K. Shivakumar, B.K. Hariprasad, R.V. Deshpande, M.B. Patil and others huddled in Bengaluru on Monday to strategise the Congress' response to the price rise and GST on pre-packed food products, and also to oppose the notice to All-India Congress Committee president Sonia Gandhi by the Enforcement Directorate. Sources said that the emergency meeting convened discussed the mode of protests to be taken up by the party.

Youth who shared military data with ISI agent denied bail

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has refused to grant bail to a 24-year-old youth, who was arrested by the city police in November last year, on the charge of sharing information on military, Navy and Air Force online with a Pakistani woman, who is said to be an agent of the ISI.

Justice K. Natarajan passed the order while dismissing a petition filed by Jeetendar Singh, a resident of Bengaluru.

Possibility of absconding

Observing that the petitioner cannot be granted bail in a serious case where he has sent the important information to the Intelligence of Pakistan, the court said, "If bail is granted to the petitioner, there is every possibility of the petitioner absconding from the case and delaying the process."

"Even otherwise, there will be threat to the life of the petitioner, if he comes out of jail. Therefore, in order to safeguard the interest of the petitioner as well as the safety and security of the nation, it is not a fit case for grating bail to the petitioner-accused," the court observed.

The city police had registered the case against the accused based on information provided by an officer of the Southern Command to the City Police Commissioner about the name and activities of the accused.

It was contended on behalf of the petitioner that he is innocent, he came in contact with the woman through social media, and to secure her love and affection, he posed in Indian military uniform.

Except using uniform and sharing some photographs, there is no incriminating material to show that he had sent any information to the Pakistani, it was argued.

However, the court from the contents of retrieved messages, sent by him to the woman and received from her, and the other information, has found that there is prima facie material to show that he had shared secret information with the ISI agent.

224 MLAs, two parliamentarians cast their vote

BJP and Janata Dal (Secular) declare their votes to Droupadi Murmu; Congress backs Yashwant Sinha

Former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda casting his vote for the Presidential election at the Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Monday, and (right) Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai with former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and BJP MLAs after voting in the poll. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT AND K. MURALI KUMAR

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

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Ballot box containing the votes cast by elected members of Karnataka Legislative Assembly, one Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha members each in the Presidential election were sent to the Parliament in Delhi in a flight on Monday night.

While the BJP and Janata Dal (Secular) members had declared their votes to the NDA nominee Droupadi Murmu, the Congress backed Opposition presidential candidate Yashwant Sinha.

While all the 224 elected members of the Legislative Assembly exercised their franchise here at Vidhana Soudha, two Parliamentarians were given permission to cast their vote in Bengaluru instead of Parliament in Delhi by the Election Commission.

Rajya Sabha member and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda and former Union Minister and BJP member representing Chamarajanagar Lok Sabha constituency V. Srinivas Prasad cast their votes here. Mr. Gowda arrived in a wheelchair to cast his vote.

First to vote

Earlier in the day, Water Resources Minister Govind Karjol was the first to cast his vote. The BJP legislators, who were housed in a luxury hotel here ahead of the elections were brought in a bus to Vidhana Soudha. By about 3 p.m., almost all votes from Karnataka had been cast barring a few and before the election process was completed all the eligible votes from Karnataka had been cast, sources said. Counting of votes will be done on July 21 and the new President will be sworn in on July 25.

FROM PAGE ONE

Sannati: Ancient Buddhist site finally in focus after 20 years

The Maha Stupa is believed to have been developed in three constructional phases - Maurya, Early Satavahana and Later Satavahana periods stretching from 3rd Century B.C. to 3rd Century A.D. The Stupa is believed to have been destroyed in an earthquake.

The conservation work under way recently. • ARUN KULKARNI

Ms. Maheshwari says that a lot of work is yet to be done to explore the hidden historical treasures in and around Sannati, which was Ranamandal about 2000 years ago. "The Karnataka government has given 25 acres of land which included the excavated area. The remaining area is to be used for developing tourist amenities. At present, our priority is to restore the Maha Stupa to its original position. After that, we can think of excavating other sites and connecting them into a storyline," she said.

As of now, there are not even well-developed roads to Sannati and Kanaganahalli which have the potential of attracting tourists from all over the world, especially from countries with sizable Buddhist populations like China, Thailand, Japan, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Vietnam. Barring a few occasions of visits by a handful of research scholars, historians and enthusiasts, the ASI site wears a deserted look throughout the year with armed guards at its gate.

There were also plans to preserve the historically precious finds at Sannati safe in a museum and develop the area into a major tourist and pilgrimage destination. The State government established Sannati Development Authority for the purpose. Through Housing Board, it also built a museum building, dormitories, staff quarters and a compound wall around the 18-acre plot at a cost of ₹3.52 crore near the excavated site in 2009. However, things did not move forward as per plans. The museum building has not been handed over to ASI even 10 years after its construction. Abandoned, the building has even developed cracks. "The ASI was ready to take the museum building into its fold and keep the excavated antiquities there. But, the government did not hand it over to ASI," said ASI Circle Superintendent (Hampi) Nikhil Das.

ESA in Western Ghats: Legislators to take up legal fight against notification

Mr. Jnanendra said the meeting had also decided to create public awareness on the impact of the Centre's notification on local residents and their livelihood.

Expressing concern that life of people in rural areas in Western Ghats would become tough if the Centre's draft notification was accepted without any changes, the Home Minister said a struggle would be taken up against the notification.

He alleged that no scientific survey had been undertaken to arrive at the quantum of ESA in the Western Ghats before issuing the draft notification.

At the same time, the Centre had not considered any of the objections filed by the State in this regard, he said.

While the notification has caused concern in the Western Ghats area and also shown signs becoming a political issue ahead of the next Assembly elections, the Centre's notification has a footnote which makes it clear that the "actual area will be finalised based on the recommendations of the State, views of stakeholders and ESZ expert committee".

Beggary Act will be enforced strictly in State, says Poojary

He expresses concern over rampant begging in Bengaluru

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Social Welfare Minister Kota Srinivas Poojary on Monday said the government would strictly enforce the Karnataka Prohibition of Beggary Act, 1975, in the State to put an end to begging.

The department has identified 50 to 70 areas in Bengaluru where beggary is rampant. The Directorate of Child Protection recently rescued and rehabilitated 101 beggar children. The Legal Services Authority had submitted a report that had identified 720 children who were into begging, the Minister said, and added that action would be taken based on such inputs.

The Minister made the announcement at a press conference in Bengaluru after holding a meeting on measures to prohibit begging with Home Minister Araga Jnanendra, Women and Child Development Minister Halappa Achar, Labour Minister Shivaram Hebbar and senior officials from the Legal Services Authority and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike.

Mr. Poojary said the Social Welfare Department had also noticed various illegal activities in the name of begging. It was particularly concerned about vested interests pushing children into begging by administering sedative and banned drugs on them, he said.

In Bengaluru city

Expressing concern over beggary being rampant in Bengaluru city, he said tough measures would be taken to prevent it. Already an action plan had been prepared to act against beggary in Bengaluru by forming special teams in eight zones of the police department. The Social Welfare Department would soon arrange for a building to rehabilitate children and their mothers who have been rescued from beggary, he said, while remarking that there was no dearth of funds to do so.

E-gurutu app

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Child Protection Directorate has already developed a mobile app titled e-gurutu to rescue children who have taken to beggary, Social Welfare Minister Kota Srinivas Poojary said, and appealed to the public to pass on the information about children taking to beggary to the authorities concerned by calling the helpline 1098.

Bommai urged to include Wadiyars while offering 'bagina' at KRS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Congress MLC Dinesh Guli Gowda has appealed to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to make it a practice to invite the erstwhile Mysuru royal family members while offering *bagina* to river Cauvery when the KRS reservoir fills to the brim. In a letter to the Chief Minister, Mr. Gowda who hails from the Cauvery basin, said that it was the wish of people of the Cauvery basin in general and Mandya district in particular, where the KRS dam is located, to see the participation of the erstwhile royal family of Wadiyars in the *bagina* event as they were instrumental in building the reservoir.

The erstwhile Mysuru royal family had taken the initiative of carving out Mandya district and putting the area on the path of economic and social development through various measures, he said.

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IN BRIEF

Telangana Cong. MLA clarifies on her vote

HYDERABAD

Denying rumours over her vote in the Presidential election, Congress MLA from Mulugu D. Anasuya, alias Seethakka, said she had voted as per her conscience. She said the confusion was created as she sought a fresh ballot paper during the polling in the Telangana Assembly here on Monday.

Water level in Idukki dam rises, blue alert sounded

IDUKKI

The water level in the Idukki dam on Monday reached 2,368.56 ft. The blue alert level fixed by the Central Water Commission is 2,369.95 ft. There had been over a one-foot rise in the water level per day in the past few days. The official said there was no chance of opening the dam shutters now.

Alert issued against scrub typhus in Kerala

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Thiruvananthapuram district medical administration has sounded an alert against scrub typhus following the death of an 11-year-old boy. A pressnote by the DMO directed the public to inform health workers in case of symptoms like fever, joint pain, enlarged lymph nodes and scabs where chigger mites bit on the body.

'Higher inflation won't hurt State's economy'

CHENNAI

Finance Minister Palanivel Thiaga Rajan on Monday said that while higher inflation was a bit of a problem, it won't seriously damage the State's economy. Mr. Rajan pointed out that Tamil Nadu had reduced its revenue deficit, and the stated goal was to be in revenue surplus in two years.

SC extends time for audit of Padmanabhaswamy temple

Date extended in the 'interest of justice', says the Bench

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday extended the time for completion of the special audit of 25 years of accounts of Sree Padmanabhaswamy temple and its trusts to August 31, 2022.

A Bench led by Justice U.U. Lalit said the time to finish the auditing exercise had been extended in the "interest of justice" on a request made by the temple's administrative and advisory committees. The court ordered a compliance report to be filed before it after the audit was over.

On February 10, the court had similarly extended the time till June 30. The court recorded this fact in its order on Monday. The court, in a judgment in July 2020, while upholding the Travancore royal family's claim of shebaitship of the properties of Sri Padmanabha, the chief deity of the famed temple in Thiruvananthapuram, had ordered the special audit of the temple, Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple Trust, and allied trusts. The temple is reportedly one of the richest in the country.

Wealth watch: Sree Padmanabhaswamy temple in Thiruvananthapuram. • S. MAHINSHA

The court had also accepted the royal family's submission that the Padmanabhaswamy temple was a "public temple".

It had issued for the formation of a temple administrative committee with the Thiruvananthapuram District Judge as the chairperson.

It had also ordered a second committee to be constituted to advise the administrative committee on policy matters and that both committees should start functioning within the next two months.

Students writing NEET told to remove innerwear

Probe on as incident sparks outrage

STAFF REPORTER
KOLLAM

An incident in Kerala's Kollam where students attending the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) were asked to remove their innerwear on Sunday has evoked public outrage and condemnation from various quarters.

The Kottarakara police have initiated a probe into the incident after one of the students filed a complaint on Monday. The incident took place at Mar Thoma College of Science and Technology, Ayur, on July 17 after metallic hooks were detected in the innerwear of some girl students during the screening before the test. As per the complaint, many of them were asked to remove their innerwear if they wanted to attend the exam, causing severe emotional distress.

The parents said this ill-treatment had affected the performance of students who had been preparing for the exam for long. Reportedly, the girls were not given a chance to put on the innerwear in private after the exam and were asked to do that outside the campus.

"According to college authorities, their staff were not involved in the issue, as private agencies selected by the NTA were in charge of frisking and recording the biometric attendance of candidates," said a police officer.

Following the incident, various students and youth organisations took out protest marches to the college. The State Human Rights Commission and State Youth Commission have registered *suo motu* cases and sought reports from the police. Meanwhile, Higher Education Minister R. Bindu condemned the incident, calling it a violation of human rights.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY

TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Chandigarh, Assam, Sikkim, Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, coastal Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala and Mahe. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam and Karaikal

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	0.2	34.9	27.4	Kozhikode	20	30.0	23.8
Ahmedabad	5	30.5	25.7	Kurnool	10	30.9	24.1
Aizawl	–	27.0	22.2	Lucknow	–	38.2	30.2
Allahabad	–	38.1	29.9	Madurai	6	35.9	24.6
Bengaluru	0.3	25.8	20.9	Mangaluru	41.9	28.9	23.2
Bhopal	50.6	32.5	23.2	Mumbai	9	28.9	25.4
Bhubaneswar	1.2	32.0	24.4	Mysuru	–	28.0	20.0
Chandigarh	7.6	37.6	27.6	New Delhi	–	38.2	27.8
Chennai	13	33.5	24.5	Patna	–	36.7	27.5
Coimbatore	–	29.5	22.6	Port Blair	2	31.2	25.6
Dehradun	3	34.2	24.7	Puducherry	0.8	33.0	25.8
Gangtok	0.6	22.6	18.8	Pune	1.6	24.9	22.4
Goa	15	29.0	24.5	Raipur	40	29.0	24.6
Guwahati	0.4	36.0	26.8	Ranchi	11	30.0	23.1
Hubballi	–	26.0	22.0	Shillong	–	27.0	18.9
Hyderabad	15	29.5	22.1	Shimla	7	28.4	21.0
Imphal	1	30.8	23.2	Srinagar	–	32.4	19.6
Jaipur	–	36.6	27.0	Thiruvananthapuram	9	30.5	23.7
Kochi	14	27.6	23.8	Tiruchi	–	34.8	27.0
Kohima	23	25.6	17.4	Vijayawada	17	31.2	24.0
Kolkata	5	34.6	26.9	Visakhapatnam	16	30.4	27.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	37	16	.43	40	85	
Bengaluru	21	29	101	–	87	
Chennai	14	32	.44	40	40	
Delhi	11	21	.75	130	109	
Hyderabad	14	3	.28	46	62	
Kolkata	12	12	.15	32	45	
Lucknow	10	53	.48	56	77	
Mumbai	27	3	.46	40	421	
Pune	–	15	.64	35	31	
Visakhapatnam	14	38	.21	42	78	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Arrah, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 300 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Gummidipoondi, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 13

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Minister proposes power tariff revision in T.N.

For those using up to 200 units (63.35 lakh), the increase would be ₹27.50 per month, says Minister

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

After the State government increased the property tax, electricity charges are set to increase in Tamil Nadu. Electricity Minister V. Senthilbalaji, in a press meet held here on Monday, announced a proposed revision of electricity tariff, which has been submitted to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission (TNERC).

Mr. Senthilbalaji said 42% of domestic consumers, comprising a total of 2.37 crore domestic and hut consumers, would not have any increase in charges, and the 100 units of free electricity scheme would continue.

However, a provision to voluntarily surrender the free units would be introduced. Electricity charges would be increased for domestic consumers using more than 100 units.

The Minister said for those using up to 200 units (63.35 lakh), the increase would be ₹27.50 per month. For consumers using up to 300 units (36.25 lakh), the rise would be ₹72.50 per month. Those using up to 400 units (18.82 lakh) would get a proposed hike of ₹147.50 per month, and the ones using 500 units (10.56 lakh) would get a hike of ₹297.50 monthly.

Domestic consumers using more than 500 units, considered to be the 'creamy layer', will see their electricity bill increasing by ₹155 per month for 600 units, ₹275 a month for 700 units, ₹395 per month for 800 units and ₹565 per month for 900 units.

The electricity charges are actually billed for a bimonthly period.

The Electricity Department has also proposed to increase the electricity charges for commercial and other categories of consumers, with low tension commercial connections expected to see an increase of ₹1.15 per unit, private educational institutes a hike of ₹1 per unit, powerlooms a 70-paise hike for using more than 750 units and a 50-paise hike for small and micro industries.

Consumers having more than one connection

The Electricity Department has also proposed to charge a separate amount of ₹225 for those consumers having more than one electricity connection, and a separate tariff to be fixed for common lights, lift and water distribution in multistorey apartments, which are at present charged under the common service category.

Mr. Senthilbalaji said he had proposed the removal of fixed charges, adding that this was announced in the election manifesto of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam.

While the Electricity Department has proposed to increase the power tariff, the protocol is that the TNERC has to conduct public hearings and seek feedback from consumers before taking a decision.

3-week ban on CPI(M) leader on IndiGo flights

Punishment for unruly behaviour

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

IndiGo airline has barred senior CPI(M) leader E.P. Jayarajan and two Youth Congress activists from flying on the airline over their alleged unruly behaviour onboard a flight in which Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan was travelling to Thiruvananthapuram from Kannur on June 13.

E.P. Jayarajan

The ban is up to three weeks for Mr. Jayarajan, who is also the convener of the Left Democratic Front in Kerala, from travelling on international and domestic flights of IndiGo, while a travel ban of two weeks was slapped on the Youth Congress workers.

The two Youth Congress activists allegedly protested against Mr. Vijayan aboard the aircraft when it landed at the Thiruvananthapuram International Airport. They raised slogans and rushed towards Mr. Vijayan, citing his alleged role in the diplomatic baggage gold smuggling case. Mr. Jayarajan, who was accompanying the Chief Minister, blocked the aisle and pushed back Kannur district Youth Congress secretary Naveen Kumar and Mattannur block president Farzeen Majeed.

The ban is likely to end on July 30 for the Youth Congress workers.

Wave fury

Skeletal remains: People salvage parts of their houses that collapsed due to sea erosion near Valiyathura in Thiruvananthapuram on Monday. Many houses were taken away by the sea in the area. • S. MAHINSHA

Actor assault case: police get more time for probe

CB told to file final report by July 11

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

The Kerala High Court on Monday granted the Crime Branch time till July 22 to complete the further investigation in the actor sexual assault case and file a final report before the trial court.

Justice Kauser Edappagath passed the order while disposing of a petition filed by the Crime Branch seeking three weeks more to complete the further probe and file a final report in the case. It was for the third time that the Crime Branch was seeking an extension of time to complete the further probe and file a final report.

The court noted that the time extension was sought by the investigation agency mainly on two grounds – first, to collect the cloned copy or mirror image of the forensic image of a memory card and produce it before the trial court in a sealed cover, and the second was to interrogate former DGP R. Sreelekha in connection with her remarks that actor Dileep, the eighth accused, was innocent in this case.

Report ready

Director General of Prosecution T.A. Shaji submitted on Monday that the copy had been collected from the Forensic Science Laboratory, Thiruvananthapuram, and produced before the trial court. He further submitted that the final report was ready.

In fact, the further probe report consisted of voluminous documents and the photocopies of the pages needed to be taken for production before the court. Therefore, the Crime Branch required breathing time to produce the final report before the court.

Maneka writes to CM seeking probe into tusker's death

She accuses Prajwal Revanna, MP, of protecting the culprits

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HASSAN

Animal rights activist Maneka Gandhi, MP, has written to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai seeking a probe into the electrocution of a tusker, which came to light early this year in Hassan.

Ms. Gandhi has alleged that a Range Forest officer in Hassan was trying to protect the accused in the case, buckling under pressure from Prajwal Revanna, MP.

Chennammanakere Achukattu Police (CKA police) in Bengaluru arrested three persons on March 18 while they were looking for buyers for tusks. They seized tusks weighing 29 kg from them. Upon further investigation, the police found the carcass of the elephant at Veerapura, near Hassan. They took samples of the skull for further examination. It was alleged that the accused electrocuted the animal, aged about 25, and took the tusks. The accused had dug a trench using an earthmover to bury it.

Ms. Gandhi, in her letter, said that animal rights activists, led by Sharath Babu, had informed the police about the tusks. The Bengaluru police had booked the case. "Local MP Prajwal Revanna tried to bring illegal pressure to have the case transferred to local Forest Department so that the case could be closed," she alleged.

She accused that the RFO Hassan was the main culprit behind "subversion of the law".

When *The Hindu* contacted Ravindra Kumar, DCF (Vigilance) of Hassan, he officer said the allegations against the RFO were not true. "We sought the transfer of the case to Hassan with a genuine intention to probe the case and ensure that the guilty were punished. The incident had happened in our area. Our RFO arrested two persons in the case," he said.

SC panel blames Kerala for illegal constructions

Maradu report says issues relating to 'nature of liability' will depend upon legal issues

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A Supreme Court committee, chaired by former Calcutta High Court Chief Justice Thottathil B. Radhakrishnan, on Monday blamed the Kerala government, its officials, Maradu grama panchayat, municipality and local self-government institutions as well for the illegal constructions raised in violation of stringent coastal zone norms.

Wiped off: A view of apartments being demolished in Maradu using controlled implosion in Kochi. • FILE PHOTO

"While the builders cannot but be held responsible for the illegal construction of the buildings, which have already been razed to the ground, the Government of Kerala, as also the Maradu grama panchayat, the Maradu municipality, the officials of the State government and the local self-government institutions are responsible for raising the constructions to the stage up which they came up by the time they were ordered to be demolished by the Supreme Court," the committee report concluded.

The Justice Radhakrishnan committee was constituted by the Supreme Court in May to conduct an enquiry and identify who is "responsible" for clearing the Maradu high-rise residential apartments, which were razed to the ground on the court's orders in 2019.

The report said issues relating to the "nature of liability, that is to say, whether it is joint and several, or whether it is to be apportioned, would depend upon the legal issues which the Supreme Court may choose to consider".

The report was tabled before a Bench led by Justice B.R. Gavai on Monday and was opened on the request of senior advocate V. Chitambaresh, appearing for one of the parties.

In 2019, the Supreme Court had concluded that the high-rises overlooking the backwaters were an "unscrupulous trespass" with "devastating effect" on the fragile eco-zone of the area.

The turn of events which led to the formation of the Justice Radhakrishnan committee was heralded by Kerala's request to be reimbursed ₹61.5 crore it had distributed to the evicted residents of the flats.

After disbursing the amount, the State government had filed an affidavit in October 2019, seeking reimbursement from the builders.

But the builders had argued that the September 27, 2019 order had specified the necessity to first find out the people "responsible" for the constructions. The entire liability could not be put on the builders alone.

Cart before the horse

Police should not arrest first and then fish for a possible offence

Two recent pronouncements, one a judicial order and another a public speech by the Chief Justice of India (CJI), have drawn attention to the manner in which bail law operates in the country. While the Supreme Court, in *Satender Kumar Antil vs CBI*, has sought to expand the scope for the grant of early bail to those arrested without sufficient cause, the CJI, N.V. Ramana, has bemoaned the injury to personal liberty caused by hasty arrests, hurdles in the way of releasing suspects on bail and the prolonged incarceration of those under trial. The expressions of concern are a timely reminder to regimes that have been using their police powers to crack down on critics, activists and those not politically aligned with them. However, there is an irony in courts batting for personal liberty and lamenting indiscriminate arrests on the one hand, but routinely denying bail or postponing bail hearings on the other. Nevertheless, the verdict reiterating the major principles in favour of granting bail and laying down constructive guidelines for arrest is quite valuable. For instance, the Bench has called for standing orders to adhere to the *Arnesh Kumar* (2014) principles, based on Sections 41 and 41A of the Code of Criminal Procedure under which a police officer is required to record reasons for arresting an accused and is expected to issue a notice of appearance in cases involving offences that attract a prison term of less than seven years.

The verdict has other positive aspects: setting time limits for the disposal of bail and anticipatory bail applications and underscoring that an arrest must be made only when actually required, or to prevent the accused from fleeing justice or tampering with evidence. In an interesting contribution, the Bench has mooted a separate 'Bail Act' on the lines of the one in the United Kingdom to streamline the bail process. It is indeed true that despite the basics of bail law being quite known, especially that bail is the rule, and its denial the exception, there are glaring inconsistencies over who gets bail, who is denied it and at what stage it is given. A separate law may provide a common reference point, but whether it will put an end to the country's unstated rule, 'show me the man, and I will show you the law', will ever fade away. The state of the magistracy also requires an overhaul. Magistrates seem conditioned to authorising mechanical remand whenever someone is produced before them, and to decline bail as soon as the prosecutor opposes it. Therefore, it is indeed welcome that the Court has made it clear that bail can be considered even without a formal application at the stage of production before the court, or when a person responds to a summons or warrant. More than the law, the police must first put an end to the practice of reflexively arresting first and then fishing for a possible offence.

Growth and welfare

Populism might mean different things to different people at different times

In a span of four days, Prime Minister Narendra Modi questioned twice the practice of politicians making mindless promises of ever profligate schemes in pursuit of votes, and termed it a dangerous trend. He has a point. In Deoghar, Jharkhand, on July 12, he said it was easy to make populist promises and collect votes through "shortcut" methods. In Jalaun, Uttar Pradesh on July 16, he added flourish to the argument by linking populist proclivity to a sweet dish and termed it '*revari*' culture. He also advanced his own 'development as justice' theory – expressways and power projects, providing gas, toilets and houses in backward areas such as Bundelkhand were all leading to "true social justice". He was challenging the more commonly understood meaning of social justice in the heartland, which is the expansion of rights defined in terms of caste groups. The Bundelkhand Expressway passes through one of the most underdeveloped regions. What should be the threshold of precariousness at which state interventions such as free food, job guarantees, or cash doles should kick in to provide social security is a debate long overdue. But it should not be forgotten that India is far behind the standards of social security that advanced capitalist democracies guarantee to their citizens.

Perhaps one reason why politicians are showering voters with doles is the disconnect between overall economic growth and job creation. The notion that growth is the panacea for all development challenges is viewed with increasing suspicion by voters, though they may not articulate it in those terms. The clamour for more state intervention for redistribution in democracies must be viewed against the backdrop of mounting evidence of inequality on the one side, and the increasing vulnerability being experienced by classes ranging from white collar workers to farmers on the other. While the situation requires a cool-headed and rigorous inquiry into the development model that the country pursues, many politicians cutting across party lines have resorted to wide-ranging schemes to calm or enthuse voters. Besides the quick political gains that they seek, this also pre-empts any discussion on the existing development paradigm. The Prime Minister would have done better had he opened a debate on the impact of big projects too rather than concluding that they invariably lead to development and social justice. India cannot achieve its development goals in education, health or infrastructure without considerable state support. In what conditions does it become dangerous populism that could ruin the financial stability of the state and when does it function as enabling and empowering welfarism are discussions that are desirable. He may have raised the question rhetorically, but Mr. Modi should now lead the conversation on it, involving Chief Ministers and other actors.

Sharing power with the next generations

A new idea of 'inter-generational justice' is gaining traction as a better way of producing a more equitable global order

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After the horrific destruction in the 20th century in two World Wars – the second ending with a wanton display of scientific progress and the destruction of thousands of innocent civilians in Hiroshima and Nagasaki – the victors of the wars vowed "never again". A new breed of global institutions was created to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, rebuild shattered economies, and maintain global peace. These were the United Nations headquartered in New York and the Bretton Woods institutions – the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) – in Washington. Power in these institutions was retained by the victors: in the UN in the five-member Security Council, and in the World Bank and the IMF by the United States and Europe who appoint their own at the top. The UN General Assembly is theoretically democratic. But the real power, of guns and money, is controlled by the Security Council and Washington institutions. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is back in the picture to keep the centre of gravity of global power in the West.

A fresh concept

The power struggle has heated up in and around Ukraine, camouflaged as an ideological war between democracies and dictators. All countries are expected to declare whose side they are on. Institutions of global governance which were supposed to guarantee peace have failed. Clearly, new ideas for global governance are required. A new concept of "inter-generational justice" is gaining traction as a better way of producing a more equitable global order and, hopefully, arresting mankind's breakneck destruction of the planet despite – or because of? – great advances in technologies.

The answer to the rhetorical question – what sort of world we want to leave for our grandchildren – is to ask them what sort of world they want to live in. Older generations listening to younger generations, rather than younger people following their elders, may be a radical civilisational shift. However, elders listening to youth will not be enough. Youth must also be given charge of producing the world they want to live in. They cannot leave solutions to the older generation whose ways of working have caused these global problems. The problem is that if youth apply the same old ways which are being taught in universities and also learned where they work, they will make global problems worse.

Time is running out

The modern approach to progress, disseminated widely through "STEM" (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education, is to extract resources from the planet to create new products for human benefit. And then to find new technological approaches to repair the damage caused to the planet by those technologies. Thus, scientific technology goes round in circles. On each round, owners of technologies become wealthier. The people suffering the harm from a relentless growth of economies are advised to be patient until the size of the pie produced is large enough to share with them. Time is running out. The climate is heating up. Inequalities are growing. People are losing their patience. New ways must be found to solve complex global problems.

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A new theory of change

The prevalent scientific theory of change is both "outside in" and "top down". Scientific experts try to be "objective" about the systems they study by placing their minds outside the systems. From their supposedly objective perches, they try to map the systems' shapes detachedly. Like engineers, they look for levers within systems they can pull to improve efficiency and increase outputs. However, this way cannot work in socio-ecological systems. Because, in them, unlike in machines designed by engineers, social scientists and economists are situated within the systems they wish to observe objectively. Unlike 'scientific' design thinkers who try to design systems 'objectively', natural systems thinkers learn to live with and within the systems that give them life. They do not feel the need for rockets to take them to other planets after they have spoiled this one.

The global approach to governance is "outside in" and also "top down". Many disciplines must be brought together to understand the social, economic, and physical facets of complex issues such as climate change. Moreover, stakeholders with conflicting needs must be aligned. Therefore, central coordination seems essential for large-scale change. This is the standard model of a hierarchical organisation, which is applied in the corporate sector, in national governments, and in international development organisations too.

The problem is this is the wrong approach for solving complex global problems. Because experts, remote from the diverse ways in which these complex problems manifest themselves on the ground, are not equipped to find effective solutions for large-scale outcomes. Since standard, "one size", solutions cannot fit all, not only do their solutions not work well but trust also breaks down between the leaders on top of large international organisations (and the experts who advise them) and people on the ground. This is a principal cause of the rise of populism and revolts against "the Establishment" of ideas and institutions governing the world.

A new configuration, the G7, was formed in the 1970s when the Bretton Woods institutions seemed unable to prevent the global economic crisis caused by large "oil shocks". The United States, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Japan, and Italy formed the G6. Canada and later the European Union, joined later. Russia was invited later (G8) when the Soviet Union collapsed and was swiftly removed in the Crimean war (2014). China, now the second largest economy in the world, was never included. The G7 was expanded to the G20 in the 1990s, when China, Russia, India, Indonesia, and other large economies were added. And now the G20 is being cracked up because the G7 wants to throw Russia out. India will be the chair of the G20 this year and must try to keep the group together.

Power must shift between generations to create a more equitable global order. Less than 10% of the world's citizens, and less than 6% of the world's children below 10 years, are in the G7. Power must shift within economies from older persons to youth. Globally, it must shift from the older, so-called 'advanced' countries to younger 'emerging' economies. The G7 and the Security Council must invite the rest to find new solutions for global problems.

Recycle this wisdom

Inter-generational dialogue is imperative. Though all countries are aging, older persons in economies are not burdens to be cast aside. Already the numbers of older persons in the world exceed the numbers of children below five years, and will soon exceed the numbers below 10. Older persons are humanity's fastest growing yet least used resource. While power must shift towards younger generations and emerging economies, all generations and countries must work together. All are stages in a larger process of evolution. All must listen to others' aspirations and must understand others' wisdom. Emerging economies must not be arrogantly considered, in the colonial legacy, as a 'white man's burden' to be improved by a more advanced West. Many native communities have not yet lost their wisdom of living within natural systems and living as families and communities. Such wisdom on the ground needs to be cycled to the top to save the world for everyone.

The UN's Sustainable Development Goals list 17 complex global problems. They appear in different forms everywhere in the world. Centrally managed organisations cannot solve such problems. Local systems solutions, cooperatively implemented within their communities by old and young persons together, are the way to solve these global systemic problems.

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The five-day work week might be fading away

Instead, an old idea, a four-day work week, could become a reality, shaping the future of staff engagement

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A three-day weekend is not beyond anyone's dream, and it may soon be a reality. The idea of a four-day week against the usual 40-hour, five-day work week has been mooted for decades. The call for fewer work hours itself is older than the Great Depression. After the reduction of working hours in the 1920s and 1930s led by Henry Ford, from more than 60 hours a week to the current 40, the notion of fewer working hours for the same productivity aided by higher technology grew prevalent. The noted English economist, John Maynard Keynes, predicted that his grandchildren would only work about 15 hours a week. Even though the prediction seems a little far-fetched right now, the direction of change seems about right as companies from all over the world toy around with the idea of fewer working hours.

Trial results show benefits

The most recent and widespread adoption of a four-day work week was a trial run by Microsoft in Japan in 2019. The trial was conducted with a typical eight-hour work day for four days and a three-day weekend but a five-day week pay cheque. Microsoft was happy with the result as it saw a 40% increase in worker productivity, presumably due to increased job satisfaction and lower burnouts. Microsoft Japan also reported that a shorter work week led to higher efficiency in the form of lower office costs. It saw a massive 23% dip in electricity costs and a 60% fall in the number of pages printed in the office.

Perpetual Guardian, a New Zealand trust management company, also reported a 20% increase in worker productivity after a similar trial in 2018. Most trials of a four-day work week seem to increase or at least keep constant worker productivity. Gains in productivity also depend on the kind of work. The idea of increased productivity due to a fall in working hours has been carried along since Henry Ford. However, an increase in a worker's productivity in a manufacturing firm with a decrease in work hours would not mean a similar increase in productivity for an employee in the service sectors such as education or health.

In a larger view, fewer working days will lead to lower commuting and hence have a positive impact on the environment, including a fall in electricity consumption in offices. Lower work hours are also being seen as an important tool to revive employment rates after the novel coronavirus pandemic. The New Deal in the United States mandated overtime pay after 40 hours a week to increase employment after the Great Depression. A similar move is argued to be a viable option to reduce unemployment prevalent in the global economies after the pandemic.

Gains for women

A shorter work week is seen as a welcome step toward gender equality and women's career progression. A two-day weekend was often not enough for women, especially mothers with young children, as they would not have much time for themselves after all the care work. Women often opt for smaller shifts and shorter work days for lower pay after they become mothers. A four-day work week for everyone instead could ensure pay equality among genders. A three-day weekend may also push men to take up more unpaid domestic work, which would give women more leeway. With enough work-life balance in a four-day work week, women would be able to focus more on work, hence adding to their career prospects.

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Not always a virtue

A four-day work week is not one that fits all. The service sector has challenges implementing a four-day work week, especially for small firms. For example, a hairdresser cannot cut more hair by reducing hours; so too a musician in the context of more concerts. This limited applicability is also relevant in schools and hospitals. The sales and marketing departments of firms may also face this issue as there would be less time to chase leads, build customer relations and solve issues. The Centre for Policy Studies, U.K., studied the possible cost of implementing a four-day work week for public sector employees in the United Kingdom. It would cost at least £17 billion, assuming stable productivity but an expanded workforce. Another major drawback is that employees in firms that would not decrease work hours in a four-day work week would have to work 10 hours on working days, which can lead to increased stress and decreased satisfaction. Implementation of a four-day work week can also affect employees' holiday entitlements.

The Indian scene

A study conducted between February 1 and March 7 across sectors in 2022 by Genius Consultants, in India, found that among 1,113 employers it surveyed, 60% preferred a four-day work week and believed that it would positively affect employee productivity and well-being. Recognising the growing trend, the Central government is set to roll out the new labour codes, which include rules for a flexible four-day work week. On the four-day work week, the new codes stipulate the requirement of a minimum of 48 hours per week; hence the employee will have to work for 12 hours on each working day. The new regulations on the flexible work week with 12 hours of daily work are not likely to increase productivity as the increased per day hours of work would work against employee motivation to increase output. It is well-known that productivity declines after a certain number of hours a day. The draft code should remember that only a reduction in the number of workdays, keeping the number of hours fixed, would contribute to improved labour productivity because better rested and more invigorated workers will be more productive. The extant code may not find many takers since it will find resistance from the workers and companies who very well know it might result in a decline in productivity – thus the total value of the output they produce.

The conventional negative relationship between work hours and productivity is being proven right again through numerous four-day work week trials all across the world. The shorter work week has numerous advantages for employees and employers and can be crucial in increasing productivity and employee well-being, higher employer efficiency, and also increasing employment in the economy. These advantages have led to large strides in this mode of work, such as in Iceland, where 86% of employees have the right to work on a four-day work week. The concern on the applicability of four-day work is real, but examples such as Iceland show that it runs well with a few exceptions. Implementing a four-day work week without a reduction in aggregate working hours such as in India is most likely to fail in yielding the desired advantages. The draft code should not forget the Parkinson's law that says work expands so as to fill the time available for its completion, and it should be a guiding principle in designing India's new labour codes.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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GST rates

It is debatable whether the recommendations of the 47th GST Council are being incorporated after careful deliberations (Inside pages, "Packed curd, *paneer*, *atta* to attract 5% GST from today", July 18). Will the increase in the GST rate for solar water heaters, for instance, prove detrimental to India's efforts in popularising renewables to meet climate goals? Will the withdrawal of exemption on maps and hydrographic, and charts on the one hand, and a rationalisation of drawing, printing and writing inks on the other create a further lag among students struggling to cope with the challenges of digital education after the COVID-19 waves? Will the withdrawal of GST exemption on scientific and technical instruments supplied to public-funded research institutions hamper development of indigenous technologies and startup ecosystems? Will GST on hospital beds deprive certain sections of the society from availing advanced health-care facilities? Empirical evidence and corrective measures should be considered before there is irreversible damage.

MEENAKSHI SUNDARAM B., Chennai

■ The GST slabs are bound to have an adverse impact on household budgets. They will increase the burden on the common man who is already reeling under inflationary pressures. The revisions are most unwelcome.

AKHILA GOPAL, Mumbai

Images, their messages

Peter deSouza's chronicling the decadence of democracy using three photographs was refreshing to read (Editorial page, July 18). It was a fresh perspective.

RAMESH KRISHNAN, Srirangam, Tamil Nadu

■ Propriety and deposition are conspicuous in their absence these days. One has to remind the men in authority and responsible positions that they have to behave themselves.

N. SADASIVAN PILLAI, Nellimukku, Kollam, Kerala

The real issue

It is strange that there is much debate over the term 'unparliamentary' in connection with parliamentary proceedings. One is normally 'ashamed' to notice the behaviour of a Member or Minister who is oblivious of the term 'etiquette'. 'Betrayed' is a normal word when a Minister is found not keeping his word. 'Hypocrisy' does not need elaboration. 'Corruption' is a concomitant word in Indian politics today. And so is 'incompetence'. There are more important matters that need to be addressed by Parliament. Let the States and Centre visit the list of Members in the Assembly and Parliament. Their records do need scrutiny.

MANI NATARAJAN, Chennai

At Singapore

P.V. Sindhu's splendid show at the Singapore Open Super 500 badminton championships is the result of a power-packed performance guided by steely determination. Her win is testimony to her overall mastery of the game.

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A revolt that could turn into a revolution

Without a new social contract, there could be unrestrained conflict with the working people in Sri Lanka

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RAHUL BHIRUMSINGHE. PHOTO: R.V. MOORTHY

The great revolt of the masses has overthrown an authoritarian president in Sri Lanka, but it has not abolished the executive presidency. Indeed, on July 18, within days of assuming office as acting President, Ranil Wickremesinghe declared an Emergency, to supposedly ensure the safety of parliamentarians who are to vote for a President on July 20.

A new social contract

Such executive overreach has been the bane of problems in Sri Lanka. There has been no moment in the last four decades more opportune than this to rid the country of this undemocratic institution. Then why are the liberal reformers and lawmakers so reluctant to move on abolishing the executive presidency? It is because the office of the executive president is being projected as the custodian of law, order and property in these tumultuous times. Sri Lanka is in a great moment of revolt, but it is far from a revolution, for a revolution would entail changing our fundamental social relations including property relations. Nevertheless, a radical consciousness is emerging among the masses, who are protesting on the streets and occupying the highest offices of the state.

Such power of the people has unnerved the liberal quarters and international actors who are quick to warn of anarchy, lawlessness and destruction of property. Indeed, the people's struggle could escalate to occupying private property and demands for redistribution. However, through the many months of the crisis, the government and the Opposition in Parliament have avoided discussing redistribution. They cannot even stomach higher direct taxes, let alone a wealth tax. Instead, their energies go into begging international donors for funds and pushing the country into further debt.

It is these dynamics that are at play when the entrenched liberal political establishment, determined to preserve the neoliberal economic status quo, begins retreating into the constitutionality of the political process. Haven't the very foundations of our political system been shaken by the greatest protests in Sri Lankan history? This is a moment when the social contract between state and society must be reconstructed. Without a new social contract, there is likely to be a no-holds-barred conflict with the working people.

Factors for political survival

At every moment in the last four months, parliamentary manoeuvres have undermined the protests and attempted to deflect people's opposition. But those manoeuvres – whether it was the resignation of Cabinet Ministers in April, the appointment of Mr. Wickremesinghe as Prime Minister in May, or the attempts to pass a watered-down Amendment on the Executive Presidency in June – have eventually been confronted by the people's movement. Similar dynamics are going to be at play when Parliament seeks to elect a President to complete the term of Gotabaya Rajapaksa. This time around, it is Mr. Wickremesinghe who has come to symbolise order and preservation of the status quo. His self-interest and the interests of some powerful political and global actors coincide in making him the front-runner for the post of interim President, who will be elected by Parliament. After all, it is clear that in a presidential election requiring the support of a popular majority, he would not stand a chance. He could not even win his seat in Parliament in the last election and only came into Parliament on the sole seat of his United National Party that suffered a terrible defeat.

Mr. Wickremesinghe lacks the social and political base to lead the country. He has no political credibility to speak of, or moral authority, after openly backing the country's most discredited regime. However, his political survival depends on the support of three significant constituencies. First, the Rajapaksas and their party, the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP), whose social base has been wiped out with mass opposition to their rule. The party is now in desperate need of someone at the helm of state power to protect it. Second, the top brass of the military, whose commander-in-chief and so-called war hero has fled the country, while international sanctions unnerve some in the military leadership. Third, international actors who would like to see their geopolitical interests served in Sri Lanka. Therein lies the great danger for the country.

What was considered a 'political deal' between the Rajapaksas and Mr. Wickremesinghe when he was appointed Prime Minister has now come into the open with the SLPP supporting his candidacy. Mr. Wickremesinghe will defend the Rajapaksas and further their interests, as he is dependent on their political base, corrupting politics to the hilt.

Next, he needs the military to suppress the protests as much as the military needs him to protect them. This quid pro quo creates the danger of authoritarian rule through further militarisation. As acting President last week, Mr. Wickremesinghe issued a gazette notification to include more subjects under the purview of the Ministry of Defence, including the Board of Investment, necessary for his authoritarian neoliberal project. Such militarisation will mount under his presidency, in addition to neoliberal policies of dispossession.

And as for international actors, a Wickremesinghe presidency with authoritarian stability will converge with their interests. A leader without a social and political base dependent on them will not just sing but also dance to their tunes, and sell the strategic assets of the country for a song.

First as tragedy, then as farce

In *The 18th Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte*, Karl Marx wrote these opening lines about the failed French revolution of 1848: "Hegel remarks somewhere that all facts and personages of great importance in world history occur, as it were, twice. He forgot to add: the first time as tragedy, the second time as farce." Marx was referring to the tragedy of Napoleon's adventurous capture of state power and then the farce of his nephew Louis Bonaparte's claim to be a similar leader many decades later. In Sri Lanka, J.R. Jayewardene's ascendance to power in 1977, the creation of the executive presidency, the initiation of neoliberal policies, his alignment with the U.S. amidst the Cold War, and the repression of organised labour and the Tamil minority culminating in the civil war, was a devastating tragedy. Now, Mr. Wickremesinghe , Jayewardene's nephew, has grand ambitions of capturing the presidency, repressing the people's movement and taking forward the neoliberal project. It is a farce from every angle. Mr. Wickremesinghe has neither the social nor political base of Jayewardene. The people's movement has become far more politically conscious with the nationwide protests. And the global neoliberal project itself is in crisis now.

Even if Mr. Wickremesinghe were to be elected, his tenure will remain contested, and may last only till the next wave of protests. But it would polarise society, generate a xenophobic backlash against the external actors who back him and ravage the economic lives of people.

Through the manoeuvres of those in power, the people are being pushed to continue on the path from revolt to revolution. If state power is brought to serve a class project in the figure of Mr. Wickremesinghe, the political crisis will aggravate. Who is ready for this wager?

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India's climate imperative

For public pressure to drive climate action, we need to consider climate catastrophes as largely man-made

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In the absence of COVID-19, climate change-induced disasters would have been India's biggest red alert in recent years. The heatwave that scorched Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, and New Delhi this year; torrential downpours in south India in 2021; and the super cyclone Amphan that battered West Bengal and Odisha in 2020 are symbols of man-made climate change. But India, like elsewhere, still attributes these catastrophes to the wrath of mother nature rather than anthropogenic global warming.

Temperatures over the Indian Ocean have risen by over 1°C since the 1950s, increasing extreme weather events. India is the fourth worst-hit in climate migration. Heat waves in India have claimed an estimated 17,000 lives since the 1970s. Labour losses from rising heat, by one estimate, could reach ₹1.6 lakh crore annually if global warming exceeds 2°C, with India among the hardest hit. India needs a two-part approach: one, to adapt to climate impacts by building resilience against weather extremes, and two, to mitigate environmental destruction to prevent climate change from becoming more lethal.

Climate resilience

Extreme heat waves hit swathes of India. Heatwaves are aggravated by deforestation and land degradation, which also exacerbate fires. Agriculture, being water-intensive, does not do well in heat wave-prone areas. A solution is to promote agricultural practices which are not water-intensive and to support afforestation that has a salutary effect on warming. Financial transfers can be targeted to help farmers plant trees and buy equipment – for example, for drip irrigation that reduces heavy water usage. Insurance schemes can transfer some of the risks of extreme heat faced by industrial, construction and agricultural workers to insurers.

Climate-resilient agriculture calls for diversification – for example, the cultivation of multiple crops on the same farm. There will need to be more localised food production. Weather-based crop insurance would help.

Floods and storms are worsened by vast sea ingress and coastline erosion in the low-lying areas in the south. Southern States need stronger guidelines to avoid construction in locations with drainages. It is vital to map flood-risk zones to manage vulnerable regions. Environment Impact Assessments must be mandatory for commercial projects.

Kerala has some flood-resistant houses constructed on pillars. Communities can build round-shaped houses, considering optimum aerodynamic orientation to reduce the strength of the winds. Roofs with multiple slopes can stand well in strong winds, and central shafts reduce wind pressure on the roof by sucking in air from outside.

Arresting runaway climate change

Adaptation alone will not slow climate damages if the warming of the sea level temperatures is not confronted. Leading emitters, including India, must move away from fossil fuels. But climate mitigation everywhere is painfully slow, because of a lack of political will. India has made slow progress in choosing 2070 as its target for net zero emissions.

Meanwhile, a big part of climate action lies in protecting and expanding forest coverage. Regulation needs to be tightened and enforced to ensure forest protection while acquiring land. India gains from being part of the Glasgow declaration on forest protection that 141 countries signed in 2021.

Management of dams can exacerbate glacier lake outbursts and floods. Nearly 295 dams in India are more than 100 years old and need repairs. In stemming landslides in Uttarakhand, regulations must stop the building of dams on steep slopes and eco-fragile areas, as well as the dynamiting of hills, sand mining, and quarrying. Dams in the southern States can moderate floods, but only if operated year-round to anticipate the need to control flows during floods.

India's share in disaster management should be raised to 2.5% of GDP. Climate finance is most suited for large-scale global funding from the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and the Asian Development Bank. But smaller-scale financing can also be vital: the World Food Programme's funding for Nepal and Bhutan for community-based adaptation and agricultural resilience for vulnerable communities provides an interesting model.

States can tap into the Union government's resources, financial and technological, from early warning meteorological systems to centrally sponsored climate schemes. MGNREGA funds can be used for climate adaptation in agriculture, waste management and livelihoods. States could make compensatory payment to local self-government resources being used for climate adaptation. For public pressure to drive climate action, we need to consider climate catastrophes as largely man-made.

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STATE OF PLAY

Politics over rituals

The Tamil Nadu government rules disallowing religious rituals at state functions remain on paper

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What would have passed off as a non-event has become a talking point in Tamil Nadu politics because of the objection raised by Dharmapuri MP S. Senthilkumar, representing the ruling DMK. Mr. Senthilkumar, who was invited for the bhoomi pooja (ground-breaking ceremony) conducted before the launch of renovation work of a lake in his district, questioned officials of the Water Resources Department (WRD) for inviting only a Hindu priest for performing rituals. His war of words with the officials was recorded and the video tweeted by Mr. Senthilkumar himself. The MP was lauded by Dravidian ideologues, but he received brickbats from the BJP and its affiliated outfits, which saw it as an "anti-Hindu" act.

Mr. Senthilkumar was right in questioning the presence of a Hindu priest at a state function. He was also right in making it clear that a Dravidian government cannot afford to have such rituals. However, he was wrong in asking an official why no Christian priest and Muslim clergy were invited, because government rules do not allow rituals of any religion at government functions. In 1968, during the DMK regime under C.N. Annadurai, Chief Secretary C.A. Ramakrishnan had issued an order directing department heads to remove portraits of gods of all religions from government offices in a phased manner. In 2010, a Bench of the Madras High Court had asked the State government to take all steps to ensure that no religious functions are conducted or religious structures built within the precincts of government offices as stipulated in a Government Order issued by the Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department on December 13, 1993, during the AIADMK regime. The State government, subsequently, issued an order directing officials to follow the 1993 order.

But in reality, neither Ramakrishnan's order nor the High Court order has been followed. On the contrary, portraits of more deities adorn the walls of government offices, police stations, and buses operated by public transport corporations. Nearly all ground-breaking ceremonies for construction of new government buildings follow Hindu rituals. Even after the DMK came to power, some Ministers and the Chief Minister's son, Udhayanidhi Stalin, a legislator, have participated in ceremonies conducted by Hindu priests at government functions.

The rituals followed during Ayudha Pooja are an example of the violation of these orders. In the 1980s, transport corporations celebrated Ayudha Pooja as if it were a public festival. The best music troupes were invited to perform on the night of Ayudha Pooja and the depots of the transport corporations were opened to the public to enjoy the music. Even now, all transport corporation buses carry streaks of sandal paste and vermilion, and the pooja is performed by the crew members.

Ramakrishnan's order also talks of removing portraits and statues of gods in government offices. In India, the problem is that many deities and temples were located in these places even before the government decided to construct a building or an office.

Mr. Senthilkumar wanted to be secular, but it is a tricky task for him and other politicians in the current political context where the DMK is taking pains to counter the BJP's narrative that it is an "anti-Hindu" party. The truth is that the DMK is not a fully atheist party; a lot of senior leaders happily participate in such ceremonies. The AIADMK, when in power, had never missed these ceremonies. The orders and court directions therefore remain on paper.

A section of DMK leaders feel Mr. Senthilkumar could have politely asked officials to avoid such rituals in his constituency because what happens in other constituencies is not in his hands.

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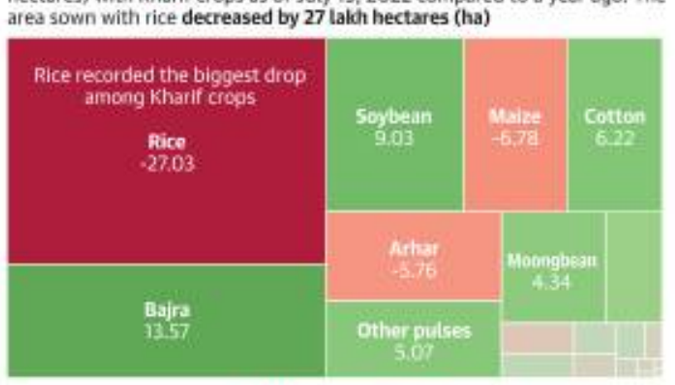
DATA POINT

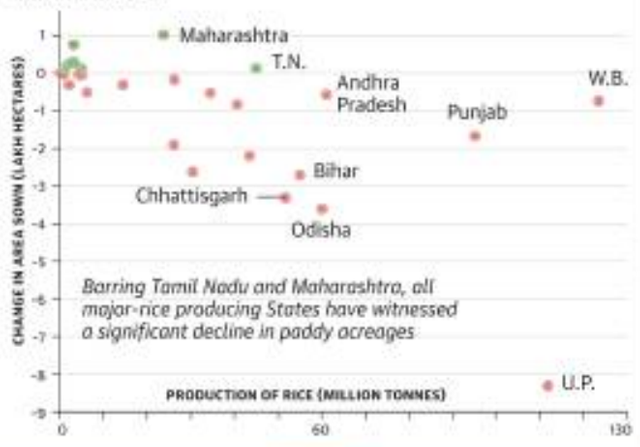
Rice sowing hit, stock averts crisis

After a slow start, the Southwest monsoon has arrived in most parts of the country except Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Gangetic West Bengal, and Punjab. Given that three of these five regions are the top producers of rice, paddy output may take a significant hit if rainfall continues to remain poor. However, rice and paddy stocks in government godowns are about four times higher than the required amount to run the public distribution system and maintain strategic reserves. By **Jasmin Nihalani** and **Vignesh Radhakrishnan**

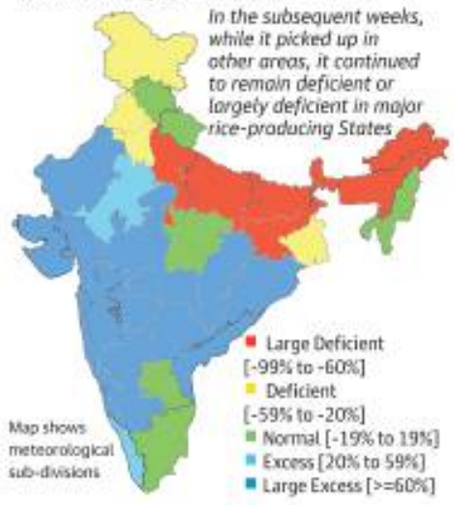
1. Kharif acreage | The graph shows the change in area sown (lakh hectares) with Kharif crops as of July 15, 2022 compared to a year ago. The area sown with rice **decreased by 27 lakh hectares (ha)**



2. Rice acreage | The chart plots the production of rice between 2012 and 2020 (horizontal axis) against the change in area sown with rice in 2022 as compared to a year ago (vertical axis). U.P., the second-largest producer, recorded a decline of 8 lakh ha in area sown with rice this year



3. Monsoon pattern | The map depicts the change in rainfall during the second week of July compared to the long period average. In the first two weeks of the Southwest monsoon, rainfall was largely deficient across India.



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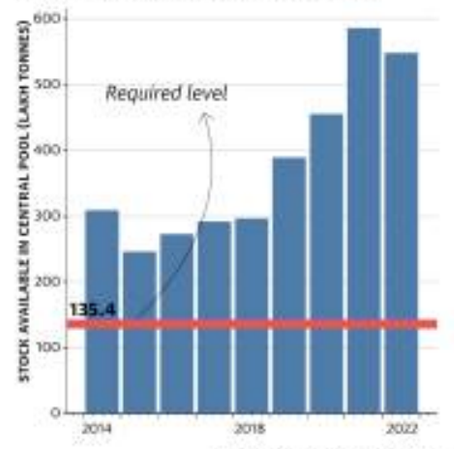
4. Buffer stocks | The chart shows the amount of rice and unmilled paddy available in the Central pool as of July 1 every year. The levels in 2022 were 100 lakh tonnes more than the amount needed for PDS and reserves



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The Hindu.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO JULY 19, 1972

Japan ready to accept China's terms

Tokyo, July 18: The Japanese Government today indicated for the first time its readiness to eventually accept China's pre-conditions for the establishment of relations between the two countries. An official reply to an Opposition questionnaire said the Government "can understand as basic knowledge the three principles China has presented for normalisation of relations." The reply was approved at a Cabinet meeting this morning. The three principles are: China is one and the People's Republic of China is the only legitimate Government of China; Taiwan is an inalienable part of China; and the 1952 Peace Treaty between Japan and Taiwan should be scrapped. The Government's reply said the Government would work out concrete measures for normalisation of relations on the understanding that the time was ripe for such a move. It went on, "Since the Government can understand the three principles, it will work out concrete measures mutually agreeable." The most controversial item of the principles – abrogation of the 1952 Peace Treaty – was not touched upon by the previous Government under Mr. Eisaku Sato which issued a policy statement on China in March last. This merely said the Government could understand China's claim that Taiwan is an inalienable part of China. The Government to-day said it also had no plan to abrogate the 1965 basic agreement with South Korea under which the two countries normalised relations and that it had no plan at present to recognise North Korea.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JULY 19, 1922

Ayurvedic Conference

Cocanada, July 17: A public meeting was held yesterday at 6 P.M. in the Pyndah Venkatachalapathi Town Hall, Cocanada, in connection with the arrangements to be made for the ensuing All-India Ayurvedic Conference to be held at Rajahmundry. Dr. A. Lakshmipathi of Madras, Dr. G. Sreenivasa Rao of Rajahmundry and some of the elite of the town were present. Dewan Bahadur D. Seshagiri Rao Pantulu, B.A.M.L.C., and President, Godavari District Board presided. After the President's introducing him, Dr. Lakshmipathi exhibited magic lantern slides to explain briefly the usefulness of the Ayurvedic medicine and the Ayurvedic factory and College at Madras. About 30 slides were exhibited including certain plants, opinions on the system of medicine, etc.

FROM PAGE ONE

Murmu bags a few Opposition votes

The EC said two COVID-positive electors cast their votes at the Tamil Nadu Assembly and one COVID-positive MP cast his ballot at Thiruvananthapuram. The EC said arrangements had been made to bring back the 30 ballot boxes from the States and the Union Territories by Tuesday, as counting was scheduled to start at 11 a.m. on Thursday.

BJP MPs Sunny Deol and Sanjay Dhotre, BSP leader Atul Singh, Shiv Sena leaders Gajanan Kirtikar and Hemant Godse and AIMIM leader Imtiyaz Jaleel are among the MPs who could not vote due to various reasons. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, senior Opposition leaders such as Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge voted in Parliament.

Union Ministers Nirmala Sitharaman and R.K. Singh voted wearing PPE suits. Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and SP leader Mulayam Singh, who were not keeping well, came in wheelchairs to vote.

Lone NCP MLA in Gujarat Kandhal Jadeja voted in favour of the NDA candidate Ms. Murmu. After casting his ballot, Mr. Jadeja, a powerful legislator from the Saurashtra region, told media persons that he had voted for the BJP candidate as per his "conscience."

An Odisha Congress MLA also broke rank and voted for Ms. Murmu. Barabati-Cuttack Constituency MLA Mohammed Moquim voted for Ms. Murmu saying he respected the sentiment of 4.5 crore Odias as the daughter of the soil was going to occupy the highest constitutional position of the country.

"Before Ms. Murmu being an NDA candidate, she is Odia first. We have been elected by Odias. Every person from Odisha wanted to see her at the top constitutional post. I just respected that sentiment," Mr. Moquim said.

NCP MLA in Jharkhand Kamlesh Singh too pledged support to Ms. Murmu. Haryana Congress MLA Kuldeep Bishnoi, who was expelled from the party after having cross-voted in last month's Rajya Sabha polls, said he had voted according to his conscience in the Presidential poll too.

Stalemate in India-China talk continues

China refuses to discuss Demchok and Depsang as India pushes for a comprehensive disengagement

DINAKAR PERI
NEW DELHI

The stalemate in the talks between India and China to end the stand-off in eastern Ladakh continues with no breakthrough in the 16th round of Corps Commander talks held on Sunday. In the interim, the two sides agreed to maintain the "security and stability" on the ground in the Western Sector along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), a joint statement issued late on Monday said.

Talks under way: India and China have agreed to stay in close contact and maintain dialogue. • PTI

Talks for 12 hours

"The two sides agreed to stay in close contact and maintain dialogue through military and diplomatic channels and work out a mutually acceptable resolution of the remaining issues at the earliest," the statement said.

The talks held at the Chushul-Moldo border meeting point on the Indian side lasted for over 12 hours.

Building on the progress made at the last meeting on March 11, 2022, the two sides continued discussions for the resolution of the relevant issues along the LAC in the Western Sector in a "constructive and forward looking manner".

Frank exchange of views

Stating that they had a frank and in-depth exchange of views in this regard, in keeping with the guidance provided by the State leaders to work for the resolution of the remaining issues at the earliest, the statement added: "The two sides reaffirmed that the resolution of remaining issues would help in restoration of peace and tranquillity along the LAC in the Western Sector and enable progress in bilateral relations."

While an agreement for disengagement from Patrolling Point-15 was close by in the last few rounds of talks, China's refusal to discuss other friction areas, Demchok and Depsang, maintaining that they are not part of the current stand-off, has stalled any progress.

India has been insisting on comprehensive disengagement and de-escalation to end the ongoing standoff in eastern Ladakh.

15 rounds of talks

Since the stand-off began in May 2020, the two sides have so far held 15 rounds of senior military commander talks with disengagement undertaken from both sides of Pangong Tso in February 2021, and from PP 17 in the Gogra-Hot Springs area in August, in addition to Galwan in 2020 after the violent clash. The 15th round of Corps Commander talks took place on March 11, 2022.

Shortly after the 15th round of talks in March, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi had visited India.

Foreign Ministers' meet

Also, he and India's Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar met last week on the sidelines of the G-20 foreign ministers meeting in Bali in Indonesia where they discussed the situation along LAC.

Over 50,000 troops and heavy equipment continue to be deployed on both sides, close to the LAC. In the last two years, China has also undertaken massive construction of infrastructure, habitat and support structures to maintain the troops close to the LAC, altering the ground status.

SC asks U.P. not to act against Zubair for now

Mr. Mehta objected, saying an order of the apex court should not be seen to stay the hand of another court from passing a judicial order.

The turn of events began in the morning when advocate Vrinda Grover made an urgent mention before Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana for early hearing, possibly on Monday itself, of Mr. Zubair's petition seeking interim bail in the five cases in Uttar Pradesh.

The CJI had agreed to list the case before Justice Chandrachud and asked Ms. Grover to mention it there.

Ms. Grover appeared before Justice Chandrachud shortly thereafter and pressed for an urgent hearing, saying Mr. Zubair's life was in danger and he should be protected by the apex court. Mr. Mehta, who was appearing in another case, was also present at the time in the courtroom.

Justice Chandrachud told Ms. Grover that the court would take up the matter in a few minutes, giving time to Mr. Mehta to peruse the case records. When the case was called up, Ms. Grover submitted that "cash rewards" from ₹1,000 to ₹50,000 were offered to people to successfully initiate criminal action against Mr. Zubair. "This is all on social media and no action was taken by the Uttar Pradesh Police," she submitted.

Ms. Grover detailed the quick succession of cases registered against Mr. Zubair in an effort to keep his custody "evergreen". FIRs were registered in Uttar Pradesh at Muzaffarnagar, Ghaziabad, Sitapur, Lakhimpur Kheri and Hathras. "This kind of targetting must end... You may not like a tweet, but what is the purpose of making a criminal offence out of it?" Ms. Grover asked.

Kerala reports second case of monkeypox

State Health Minister Veena George said one person had been isolated for treatment at the Pariyaram Medical College Hospital, Kannur, as he seemed to have typical symptoms of monkeypox and that the samples had been sent to the National Institute of Virology, Pune, for confirmation. The patient is in good health and his close contacts have been brought into the Health department's surveillance network for the next 21 days.

At the meeting, the Union Health Ministry reviewed the procedure for screening passengers at international airports and ports.

"Airport and Port Health Officers and regional directors from local offices of the Health Ministry were advised to ensure all arriving international travellers had to be "strictly screened" to minimise the risk of import of monkeypox cases into the country," the Ministry said in a statement.

The officers were also advised to coordinate with other stakeholder agencies like Immigration at international ports and airports to streamline health screening processes, besides ensuring suitable linkages with hospital facilities earmarked to each port of entry for timely referral and isolation.

Officials from the International Health Division of the Health Ministry and the Disaster Management Cell also attended the meeting.

Kerala steps up vigil

Kerala has tightened disease surveillance at all four of its international airports and help desks have been opened at these airports where trained healthcare workers have been deployed.

Meanwhile, the State Health department has decided to provide facilities for testing for monkeypox in its own laboratories.

There are 28 government laboratories that have the facilities for conducting RT-PCR tests. In the first phase, the test kits for monkeypox would be made available from the NIV, Pune, at the National Institute of Virology lab at Alappuzha.

The Central team which had been in Kerala following the reporting of the first confirmed case of monkeypox, met Ms. George on Monday to apprise her of the preventive and control measures that the State needed to adopt.

Those coming into the State from other nations where monkeypox has been reported should get in touch with the Health department's DISHA helpline (104, 1056, 0471 2552056), if at all they develop any symptoms after they reach home.

(With inputs from New Delhi)

SC to hear on July 21 plea to worship *Shivling*

Hindu side lawyer Vishnu Jain urged CJI to list the matter

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India (CJI) N.V. Ramana on Monday agreed to list on July 21 a petition seeking darshan and puja of the *Shivling* reportedly found on the Gyanvapi mosque premises during a survey.

In an oral mentioning, advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain urged the CJI to list the plea along with another petition filed by the caretakers of the Gyanvapi mosque, Anjuman Intejamia Masjid, which has challenged a lower court order to conduct a survey of the premises.

"This is a petition to allow darshan and puja of the *Shivling* which has been found in the complex and also to direct the Archaeological Survey of India to do carbon dating. The petition filed by masjid committee challenging the commission survey is coming up on July 21. Please list this petition along with that," Mr. Jain submitted.

The Gyanvapi Mosque in Varanasi.

The case is pending before a Bench led by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud. On May 20, the Justice Chandrachud Bench had said its interim order on May 17 to protect the area where the *Shivling* was reportedly found would continue while Muslims would be able to offer *namaz* in the mosque.

The court had ordered the District Magistrate to make appropriate arrangements, if not already made, for Muslims to offer *wazu khana* before *namaz* at the mosque.

The Supreme Court had also transferred the Gyanvapi Masjid suit proceedings from a civil judge to the District Judge of Varanasi, saying the social complexities of the dispute required a "more senior and experienced judicial officer".

The Justice Chandrachud Bench had further, on May 20, directed the District Judge to hear on priority a challenge moved by the mosque's caretakers against a suit filed last year by five Hindu women who want untrammeled rights to worship Maa Shringar Gauri, Lord Ganesh, Lord Hanuman and other "visible and invisible deities" within the mosque premises.

The Anjuman has argued that the suit has been barred in law.

CBI arrests 8 on charge of cheating in NEET

Suspects collected user IDs of aspirants

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested eight persons, including the suspected mastermind of the racket, for allegedly mass rigging the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET), which was conducted on Sunday for admission to undergraduate medical courses. Based on the information that proxies were being provided to appear in place of several candidates in the examination conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA) to solve the question papers, the agency registered a case against 11 persons.

Subsequently, multiple teams searched examination centres and other places. The mastermind, Sushil Ranjan, was arrested, along with Nidhi, from Havelock Square in Delhi. Raghunandan was picked up from Patparganj and Saurav from Shakurpur, while Bharat Singh was arrested from Safdarjung Hospital's hostel in Delhi. Krishna Shankar Yogi and Sunny Ranjan were traced to another centre in Faridabad Sector 8 and Jeepu Lal was arrested in Ballabhgarh. The agency alleged that Ranjan and his associates were involved in arranging proxies for several candidates in Delhi and Haryana.

"The suspects collected the user IDs and passwords of certain candidates appearing for the examination and made necessary modifications to get allotted the desired examination centres. They also morphed the candidate's photographs to ensure that the proxies were not caught," an official said.

In September 2021, the CBI unearthed a similar racket involving a Nagpur-based education consultancy firm that offered proxies for a commission of up to ₹50 lakh per candidate. The firm used to collect post-dated cheques and mark sheets of such candidates as security from the parents.

CBI questions journalist in NSE scam case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has recorded the statement of senior journalist Sucheta Dalal in connection with the National Stock Exchange (NSE) co-location scam.

Ms. Dalal has issued a statement through her Twitter handle confirming that she was called to Delhi on July 16 as she had revealed the co-location scam in June 2015. The NSE had earlier filed a ₹100-crore defamation case against her and Moneylife, which it withdrew after paying ₹50 lakh as ordered by the court, she said. The senior journalist said just ahead of the Delhi meeting, she was told that the agency wanted to record her statement pertaining to "Ken Fong", the name used by a whistle-blower whose email to the SEBI, copied to her, was first reported by her.

Ms. Dalal was asked if she knew who Ken Fong was, to which she responded in the negative. She was asked whether she knew former Mumbai Police chief Sanjay Pandey, whose previous firm iSec Services was under the scanner. She told the agency that although she knew him since about 1994-95, as most of the Mumbai-based journalists did, she had nothing to do with him and his business deals, specifically those with the NSE under its former managing directors Ravi Narain and Chitra Ramkrishna.

Minority status in India is State-dependent, says SC

Minorities can claim protection under Articles 29 and 30

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

Every person in India can be a minority in one State or the other. Minority status of religious and linguistic communities is "State-dependent", the Supreme Court said on Monday.

"Every person in this country can be a minority. I can be a minority outside my State, Maharashtra. Similarly, a Kannada-speaking person may be in minority in States other than Karnataka... Every person in this country can answer this description," Justice U.U. Lalit said. The court was hearing a petition filed by a Mathura resident, Devkinandan Thakur, complaining that followers of Judaism, Bahaism and Hinduism, who are the real minorities in Ladakh, Mizoram, Lakshadweep, Kashmir, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Punjab and Manipur, cannot establish and administer educational institutions of their choice because of non-identification of 'minority' at the State level.

But the court indicated that a religious or linguistic community which is a minority in a particular State, can inherently claim protection and the right to administer and run its own educational institutions under Articles 29 and 30 of the Constitution. The court asked whether a specific notification was required.

This question from the Bench came in response to submissions made by senior advocate Arvind Datar, for Mr. Thakur, that Hindus residing in certain States were unable to exercise their rights under Articles 29 and 30 in the absence of a specific notification declaring them a minority.

The petition has argued that the recognition of Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Parsis nationally by the Centre as 'minorities' ignored the fact that religious communities such as Hindus were "socially, economically, politically non-dominant and numerically inferior" in several States.

The court listed the case for hearing after two weeks.

Court to hear suit on July 21 in Mathura case

Hindu plaintiff seeks mosque's survey

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

In the ongoing Shahi Idgah Mosque-Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi dispute, a civil court in Mathura on Monday continued hearing submissions from both sides on whether it should first hear the plea for a court-appointed commission's survey of the mosque or the application challenging the maintainability of the suit itself.

The court was hearing a suit filed by advocate Mahendra Pratap Singh, seeking that the property on which the Shahi Idgah Mosque is built be transferred to Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi Temple authorities. In this suit, Mr. Singh had filed an application seeking that a court commission be ordered to survey the mosque premises to investigate signs of Hindu temples having predated the mosque.

However, the masjid management committee has filed an application under Order VII Rule 11 of the Code of Civil Procedure, challenging the maintainability of Mr. Singh's suit.

Mr. Singh said, "A district court in Mathura has already heard these submissions in an identical suit and decided that the plea for a court-commissioned survey should be disposed of as soon as possible. So, we have argued that our application should be heard first."

The court is now set to take up the matter for the next hearing on July 21.

The matter pertaining to one of these suits also came up for hearing before the Allahabad High Court, which on Monday asked the civil court concerned in Mathura to expeditiously hear the matter.

DGCA asks airlines to depute engineers at airports

Order follows a string of incidents involving aircraft

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has ordered airlines to ensure qualified engineers are present at all airports to clear flights before departure. The order comes after the regulator was discovered that technical glitches were being incorrectly identified and reported and airlines were relying heavily on junior engineers.

Aircraft parked at the Indira Gandhi International airport • AFP

A meeting was held by Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on aviation safety issues following incidents on IndiGo, Air India Express, Vistara and SpiceJet. The DGCA had already served a show-cause notice earlier this month on SpiceJet. The Minister has sought stepping up safety supervision at airlines.

Smaller stations

"All aircraft base and transit stations shall be released by certifying staff holding AME [Aircraft Maintenance Engineer] Category B1/ B2 licence with appropriate authorisation by their organisation," the DGCA order says. It adds that airlines may either position AMEs at base and transit stations or fly them to smaller stations as staff-on-duty.

The aviation safety regulator's latest instruction follows spot checks it conducted, where it discovered "improper identification of cause of a reported defect and non-availability of required certifying staff to cater to multiple-scheduled arrivals/ departures".

The DGCA said that it has also noticed that airlines were frequently seeking relief from the mandatory requirement that all equipment on aircraft be operative.

IN BRIEF

Nupur moves SC over Prophet remarks row

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on Tuesday the fresh plea of Nupur Sharma seeking revival of her withdrawn petition seeking clubbing of FIRs lodged in several States over her remarks on Prophet. She has also sought expunction of adverse remarks made by Justices Surya Kant and J. B. Pardiwala on July 1. PTI

Sikkim policeman kills 3 colleagues in Delhi

A Sikkim Police personnel was arrested for killing three of his colleagues at the national capital's Haiderpur water treatment plant in the Rohini area of the city on Monday, allegedly over disrespectful remarks made against his wife by the deceased. The police said that the men had been deployed at the plant for its security by the Indian Reserve Battalion. A complaint was received at the K.N. Katzu Marg Police Station.

CBI books ex-IOA chief over graft charges

NEW DELHI

The CBI has booked former Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president Narinder Dhruv Batra and three senior officials of Hockey India for alleged irregularities in the renovation and furnishing works at his office in 2018. Among the accused are former Hockey India executive director R.K. Srivastava, its former president Rajinder Singh and ex-secretary general Mohammed Mushtaque Ahmad.

Two soldiers killed in Jammu in grenade blast

SRINAGAR

Two soldiers — a Captain and a Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO) — were killed in a grenade blast in Poonch district. An Army spokesman said the accidental grenade blast took place July 17, in the Mendhar Sector, when troops were performing their duties along the Line of Control. "The blast resulted in injuries to soldiers, who were evacuated by helicopter to Udhampur," the Army said.

NTR was a trendsetter in implementing pro-people reforms

He passionately espoused the cause of strengthening the federal character of the Constitution, and was ahead of his time in outlining his vision of welfarism

M. VENKAIAH NAIDU

As the centenary celebrations of Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao, the legendary actor-turned-politician popularly known as NTR, are being held across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, it is time to recollect his invaluable contribution to the fields of cinema and politics, in which he strode like a colossus.

NTR was one of the most iconic film stars Indian cinema has seen. A larger-than-life figure beyond cinema, he is widely seen as a rebellious non-conformist and a pioneer of "alternative politics", who rewrote the grammar of India's politics. It is often said that NTR scripted a new political idiom when he first burst on the political scene like a blazing meteorite. He single-handedly dethroned a well-entrenched ruling party in Andhra Pradesh, tasting extraordinary success within about nine months of floating a regional party and coming up with a sound political alternative.

NTR was an ardent nationalist who was immensely proud of his Telugu identity. Shorn of parochialism, NTR's regionalism exemplified the idea of unity in diversity. He passionately espoused the cause of strengthening the federal character of the Constitution, spelt out his own well-articulated doctrine on Centre-State relations, and was ahead of his time in outlining his vision of welfarism.

Displaying a missionary zeal to empower the underprivileged in various fields, the NTR administration had as its hallmark a predilection for pro-poor schemes.

Once he turned to public life, he was tireless in his efforts to take his fledgling party, Telugu Desam, forward and succeeded in building it into a powerful political force. Perched atop his refurbished van, which he named Chaitanya Ratham, he relentlessly campaigned with an inimitable oratory in chaste Telugu. The devotion with which he powered his party to unprecedented success, is the stuff of political lore. Of course, well before he made his foray into politics, NTR was a household name in Andhra Pradesh and other southern States as an actor.

When he essayed roles from the Puranas – as diverse as those of Lord Rama, Lord Krishna, Arjuna, Karna, Duryodhana or Ravana, for example – NTR did so with remarkable ease, depth and grace, something that no other actor could match. He was revered by the common populace as an incarnation of divinity, and a number of Telugu households would have a calendar with the picture of NTR either as Rama or Krishna. When he decided to take the plunge into politics, the overwhelming affection and admiration Telugu masses had showered on him for decades gave NTR an advantage that few public figures enjoyed.

Political colossus: N.T. Rama Rao during an election campaign in Andhra Pradesh. • FILE PHOTO

A staunch nationalist

Charismatic and colourful, NTR was seen as a popular figure with orthodox beliefs. The truth remains that though, in popular perception, he appeared to be religious at first glance, he was a staunch nationalist. There was no contradiction in the fact that he was a fervent nationalist and a leader who stood for regional aspirations. He articulated the cause of *Telugu Atmagouravam* (Telugu self-respect) intermingling it with nationalist pride, with exceptional emotional commitment using his eloquence to drive home the message forcefully to the masses.

While promising to root out corruption, NTR would often rely on pan-Indian symbolism with terms such as Rama Rajya. When it came to governance and framing people-friendly, socio-economic welfare schemes, NTR was earnest in his approach.

As someone who shared a special bond with him, based on mutual trust and respect, I could see that he was, at the core, well-intentioned and good at heart. His dramatic entry into politics was not driven by self-serving ambition. From my multiple interactions with him, I could gauge that NTR was sincere and ardent in his yearning to serve the underprivileged and stamp out corruption. The many pro-poor welfare schemes launched during his time bear ample testimony to his intentions. The masses responded to NTR's outreach programmes with enthusiasm, seeing in him a messiah cut from a different political cloth. Perceived popularly as a leader with a difference, to the people at large, he seemed to offer a credible alternative.

NTR's political journey was not without its ups and downs. Unfamiliar with the twists and turns of politics and shocked by the cynical pursuit of power by some of his close aides, he suffered serious setbacks in his political career. These setbacks did not dent his image in any way and, on the contrary, added to his stature as a leader of unimpeachable integrity. His sincerity and straightforwardness, at times, proved

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to be his failings in dealing with the machinations of public life, unaccustomed as he was to adjustment, accommodation and compromise, which are an integral part of politics.

After the historic win following the electoral tsunami led by him, NTR seemed to be a man in a hurry when it came to rolling out his model of governance. Be it the revolutionary welfarist initiative to provide rice to the poor at ₹2 a kg, the decentralisation of the administration through the mandal system, the abolition of the Upper House or the Legislative Council, implementation of the Upa-Lok Pal Act to strike at corruption, empowerment of women by giving them property rights, setting up a women's university, introducing reservation for the Backward Classes in Zilla Parishads, banning donations for seats in educational institutions, especially professional colleges, supplying drinking water to Chennai through Telugu Ganga, or making Telugu the official language of correspondence at all levels of the administration, every single measure bore the stamp of NTR's pro-people's approach.

'Save Democracy'

As an Opposition stalwart, NTR finds a place among political giants from South India such as N.G. Ranga, E.M.S. Namboodiripad, Annadurai, M.G. Ramachandran, Karunanidhi and Jayalalithaa. History will record his stellar role in forging Opposition unity at the national level. Soon after he took over the reins as the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh in 1983, NTR turned his eye to bringing together all Opposition parties and build a viable political alternative to the ruling party of the day and invited a galaxy of Opposition leaders to attend the party's Mahanadu in Vijayawada in 1983. The next year, 17 Opposition parties in the undivided State of Andhra Pradesh came together under the Save Democracy movement after the indefensible dismissal of the NTR government. As young MLAs from the Opposition, my good friend, the late S. Jaipal Reddy, who was then in the Janata Party, and I were at the forefront of the campaign to restore the democratically elected government.

At the core of NTR's personality was his "Indianness" – his admiration for Indian culture, heritage, values and philosophy – that defined his approach to practically everything. NTR and I shared a common love for the Telugu language and literature and were bound by a profound interest in our scriptures and rich cultural traditions. NTR's legacy extends beyond our political canvas – he will be remembered for his uprightness and straightforwardness, dedication and discipline, his exemplary nationalism, commitment to the cause he stood for and his robust self-belief.

(M. Venkaiah Naidu is the Vice-President of India)

IN BRIEF

Akali Dal MLA boycotts Presidential poll

CHANDIGARH

Shiromani Akali Dal MLA Manpreet Singh Ayali on Monday boycotted the Presidential poll, saying issues related to Punjab remain unresolved and he was not consulted by his party leadership before it decided to back the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) candidate Droupadi Murmu. The Dakha MLA said he spoke to voters and workers in his constituency, and took the decision considering the "sentiments of the Panth (Sikh community)". PTI

Odisha Congress MLA votes for NDA candidate

BHUBANESWAR

An Odisha Congress MLA broke ranks and voted for National Democratic Alliance (NDA) candidate Droupadi Murmu in the Presidential election held here on Monday. Barabati-Cuttack constituency MLA Mohammed Moquim voted for Ms. Murmu saying, he respected the sentiment of 4.5 crore Odias as the daughter of the soil was going to occupy the highest Constitutional position of the country. "There is no harm in voting for a tribal woman candidate who belongs to Odisha. Moreover, my party has not issued any whip regarding voting in Presidential election. I am ready to reply to any explanation sought from me," the MLA said.

On poll eve, BJP MLAs were in a Kolkata hotel

It was an attempt to keep the flock together, says Trinamool

SHIV SAHAY SINGH
KOLKATA

The West Bengal unit of the BJP put up all its MLAs in a five-star hotel and arranged luxury buses to drive them to the Assembly for voting in the Presidential election on Monday.

Nearly 70 MLAs spent the night in the hotel in the New Town area of the city.

On Monday morning, the MLAs arrived in the Assembly on two luxury buses and queued up to cast their votes.

The MLAs wore yellow scarves with tribal motifs around their necks as they exercised their franchise for the election to the highest office in the country.

While the BJP legislators said that there was nothing wrong in all of them going together to cast their vote, the Trinamool Congress leadership took a dig at the party, and said it was an attempt by the BJP to keep its flock together.

Trinamool general secretary Abhishek Banerjee said in a Tweet: "Karma has no Menu. You get served what you deserve. Folks @BJP4India will always have to bow to the power of people. Hilarious to see instead of holding MLAs of other political parties captive, BJP's 'resort politics' have backfired on them! Truly, Bengal shows the way."

Grand arrangements: BJP MLAs standing in a queue to cast their vote in the West Bengal Assembly on Monday. • PTI

Of the 294 MLAs of the West Bengal Assembly, 291 cast their vote.

Chief Minister Mamata Bannerjee and Mr. Abhishek were among the ones who exercised their franchise. The Trinamool had asked its MPs to vote in the Assembly. An exception was made for Shatrughan Sinha, who was administered the oath in Parliament on Monday.

War of words

Even as the voting continued, there was a war of words between the Trinamool and the BJP.

Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Suvendu Adhikari said there will be cross-voting and all 221 Trinmool MLAs will not vote for the Opposition candidate, Yashwant Sinha. The Trinamool leaders, however, exuded confidence that there will be no defections.

After the defeat in the 2021 Assembly election, there were several defections from the BJP camp, and half-a-dozen MLAs and two MPs of the BJP switched allegiance to the Trinamool.

"There is no Eknath [Shinde] here," Trinamool MLA Madan Mitra said, referring to Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, who recently led a rebellion in that State. "In Bengal, we have only one *loknath* (people's leader) and we are all with her [Ms. Banerjee]," Mr. Mitra said.

There were also allegations of violations of the code of conduct by both the Trinamool and the BJP.

Sudip Mukherjee, BJP MLA from Purulia, wore a piece of cloth with motifs of a community while voting, said West Bengal Minister Chandrima Bhattacharya.

Mr. Mukherjee in turn alleged that Mr. Abhishek came to the House in a huge convoy of cars and supporters and violated the code of conduct.

Row in SP over support to Sinha

Shivpal flags past comments against Mulayam

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GHAZIABAD

Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav's support for Presidential candidate Yashwant Sinha has met with more opposition, this time from within the Yadav family itself.

Senior leader Shivpal Yadav on Monday claimed that staunch supporters of the party would not have voted for the Opposition candidate, referring to the "ISI agent" jibe made by Mr. Sinha at party patriarch Mulayam Singh when he was a Minister in the NDA government.

Shivpal Singh Yadav

"How could a staunch SP worker vote for somebody who once called Netaji an ISI agent," Mr. Yadav said, citing an old newspaper report that had Mr. Sinha calling Mr. Mulayam Singh an agent of the Pakistani spy agency ISI.

Revealing that neither his advice nor that of his brother Mr. Mulayam Singh was sought while deciding on rendering support for Mr. Sinha, Mr. Yadav opined that the party whip should not apply for the election of the highest constitutional post in the country.

Earlier, Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya tweeted the newspaper clipping carrying the "ISI agent" remark made by Mr. Sinha and questioned the *sanskar* (culture) of the SP. Later, he also tweeted the letter written by Mr. Yadav to Mr. Akhilesh in this regard.

Speaking to presspersons about the "ISI agent" jibe, Mr. Akhilesh Yadav said that the BJP too had been using such language against his father.

"This is the character of the BJP to attack those who fight for socialist and secular ideals. Netaji worked to protect the Constitution of India," he said, adding that Mr. Sinha was also fighting a similar battle.

Party spokesperson Abdul Hafiz Gandhi, on his part, pointed out that Mr. Sinha had made that comment when he had been with the BJP. "Since then, he has come a long way and has made his disillusionment with the BJP's divisive politics amply clear," he added.

Dhankhar files papers for V-P polls

Will always strive to enhance democratic values of the country, he says

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

National Democratic Alliance (NDA) Vice-Presidential candidate Jagdeep Dhankhar said on Monday that he would "always strive to enhance democratic values of the country". He filed nomination papers for the election, in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and leaders of various parties supporting his bid.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Jagdeep Dhankhar and Rajnath Singh during filing of nomination papers. • PTI

Thanks Modi

"Never even in my dreams did I think a person with a humble background like me would get this opportunity. I am grateful to Prime Minister Modi and the leadership for giving a humble man from a *kisan* (farmer) family, like me, such a historic opportunity," he added.

Union Ministers Amit Shah and Rajnath Singh; BJP president J. P. Nadda; Janata Dal(U) chief Lalan Singh; Union Ministers Anupriya Patel, Pashupati Nath Paras and Ramdas Athawale; and the Biju Janata Dal's Pinaki Misra were present when the former West Bengal Governor filed his papers for the election in which his win is all but certain.

Sources confirm that while four sets of nomination papers were made ready, only one set was filed, with Mr. Modi as the first proposer for Mr. Dhankhar.

The Opposition has named Margaret Alva as its candidate for the Vice-Presidential election scheduled for August 6.

Approach Monsoon Session with 'open mind', says Modi

'Be mindful of responsibilities to uphold dignity of House'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday that he considered Parliament a space for discussions with an open mind and urged all MPs to approach issues with the same attitude, and in many cases, debate them to make the Monsoon Session a fruitful and productive one.

Addressing the media ahead of the start of the session, Mr. Modi termed the current session "crucial" as it would see the election of a new President and Vice-President of India, that too in the year that the country celebrated 75 years of Independence.

> **Parliament functions and takes best decisions with everyone's efforts**
>
> NARENDRA MODI
> Prime Minister

"We always consider the House to be an efficient medium of communication, where there is an open hearted dialogue, debate, criticism that is well analysed so that positive contribution can be made to policy decisions," he said.

He said that all MPs should be mindful of their responsibilities to uphold the dignity of the House. "Parliament functions and takes best decisions with everyone's *'prayaas'* [efforts]," the Prime Minister said.

He also asked Opposition party MPs to analyse closely issues and debates around them to come up with constructive contribution to policy-making.

He said the current year was crucial, as it would set the tone for the next 25 years leading up to the centenary year of Independence, a milestone that should be marked with progress.

The Prime Minister invoked the freedom fighters who gave up their lives, and also those who spent their lives in prison, appealing to the MPs to keep their dreams in mind.

Parliament adjourned on first day amid protests

The Opposition wanted discussion on inflation, Agnipath and GST on new items during the session

VIJAITA SINGH
NEW DELHI

Both the Houses of Parliament witnessed adjournment on first day of the Monsoon Session as Opposition protested price rise, the Agnipath scheme and the imposition of Goods and Services Tax on items such as packaged milk and rice.

The Rajya Sabha was adjourned within an hour after it assembled at 11 a.m. Monday. The disruption in the Rajya Sabha came a day after Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu sought the cooperation of the floor leaders for a productive session as his farewell gift.

Mr. Naidu who is presiding over the last session of his tenure that will come to an end on August 10, said that 57% proceedings were either fully or partly disrupted during this period.

Opposition members staging a protest in the well of the Lok Sabha during Monsoon Session of Parliament on Monday. • PTI

He urged the members to rise to address the demands of the next 25 years of *'Amrit Kaal'* by the end of which the country's population is set to increase by another 20 crores.

Several Opposition members had given an adjournment notice in the Upper House to discuss inflation and Agnipath scheme.

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) members demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi come to the House and answer their concerns against growing autocracy.

As many as 28 new members were also sworn in to the Upper House.

Lok Sabha session

Lok Sabha was adjourned for the day after it witnessed a disruption because of Opposition protests over the issue of price rise and Agnipath scheme. Opposition members trooped to the well of the House as Lok Sabha convened for the afternoon session at 2 p.m.

BJP member Rajendra Agarwal, who was in the chair, allowed laying of parliamentary papers on the table of the House during which Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju introduced a Bill to amend the law pertaining to Family Courts. As Opposition members started raising slogans, Mr. Agarwal adjourned the proceedings for the day. The day started with obituary references and new members taking oath.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Congress President Sonia Gandhi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Congress leader of the House Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury were among those present in the House. Congress MPs are likely to sit on a dharna in front of the Mahatma Gandhi statue in Parliament complex on Tuesday against price rise before the day's proceeding begin.

On Monday, Ms. Gandhi held a strategy meeting of the party MPs.

(With inputs from Sandeep Phukan)

Panel on MSP, natural farming set up

Samyukt Kisan Morcha says it will decide soon on the government's offer to be part of the committee

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Centre has finally constituted a committee headed by former Union Agriculture Secretary Sanjay Agrawal here on Monday to look into the issue of minimum support price (MSP) for agricultural produce, as promised to the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) earlier in January. The panel has three unfilled posts for representatives of the SKM, which will be filled as and when the Centre receives the recommendations from the umbrella body of farmers.

Workers planting seedlings in a paddy field on the outskirts of Vijayawada on Monday. •G.N. RAO

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said while announcing the decision to repeal the three farm laws that a committee would be constituted to promote zero budget-based farming, to change crop patterns keeping in mind the changing needs of the country, and to make the MSP more effective and transparent. He had said the committee would consist of representatives of the Central and State governments, farmers, agricultural scientists and agricultural economists.

Apart from Mr. Agrawal, NITI Aayog Member (Agriculture) Ramesh Chand; agricultural economists C.S.C. Shekhar and Sukhpal Singh; award-winning farmer Bharat Bhushan Tyagi; members from farmer organisations Gunwant Patil, Krishnaveer Choudhary, Pramod Kumar Choudhary, Gumi Prakash and Sayyed Pasha Patel; IFFCO chairman Dilip Sanghani; CNRI general secretary Binod Anand; senior member of the CACP Naveen P. Singh; and agriculture experts P. Chandrashekhar, J.P. Sharma and Pradeep Kumar Bisen will be members of the panel.

The Secretaries of the Departments of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Agricultural Research and Education, Food and Public Distribution, Cooperation and Textiles and the Director-General, ICAR will represent the Centre on the panel. The member-secretary of the panel will be Joint Secretary (Crops).

SKM leader Hannan Mollah said it would take a decision on the government's offer to be part of the committee soon. "At the moment, we are holding nationwide protests against the policies of the Centre. We do not know the brief given to this committee," he said.

The "subject matter of constitution" of the committee, according to a gazette notification, include suggestions to make MSP available to farmers by making the systems more effective and transparent.

An influential abstract artist and quiet mentor to many

Achuthan Kudallur's luminous works drew global acclaim

SHONALI MUTHALALY
CHENNAI

Achuthan Kudallur called intermittently and hung up abruptly, forgoing superfluous niceties for disarmingly honest conversations on family, art and life. Not surprisingly, the reclusive artist, who passed away on Monday morning at a hospital in Chennai, is mourned by a large group of friends and family.

Achuthan Kudallur passed away in Chennai on Monday.

He will be remembered for his prodigious talent, of course. Aged 77, Kudallur was a significant force in India's contemporary abstract art movement. A writer-turned-painter, his luminous canvases drew international attention to the Madras Art Movement in the 1970s. He won multiple awards, including the Tamil Nadu Lalit Kala Akademi award in 1982 and the National Academy Award in 1988.

For an artist seen as temperamental and brusque – a persona he never bothered to contest – Kudallur was also sensitive, empathetic and kind, though he attempted to hide it behind a gruff demeanour and dark sense of humour.

'Personal expression'

Artist C. Douglas from Cholamandal Artists' Village says it is these facets of his personality that make his work so impactful. "Like him, his canvases have layers and layers, not one single mass of colour," he says, adding "Though his work is abstract, there is universality to it, because it is his personal expression."

Engineering student

Born in 1945 in Kudallur village, Kerala, he was deeply influenced by his idyllic childhood home, beside the Bharathapuzha and Kunthipuzha rivers. He moved to Chennai in 1965 to study civil engineering, where he joined evening classes at the Madras Art Club in Government College of Fine Arts.

TRIBUTE

Artist R.B. Bhaskaran, former Chairman of the Lalit Kala Akademi and former Principal of the Government College of Fine Arts, Chennai, knew him as a student and a friend. "I taught at the Madras Art Club and from the time I saw his first abstraction, I told him he has talent," says Mr. Bhaskaran, adding that the painter's strength was balancing colour with light.

Between work and art classes, Kudallur began to find his style as he moved from figurative to abstract art. Derisive of money – a life-long trait – he gave up his job, and joined an idealistic fraternity of writers, artists and film-makers: he would often talk fondly of drinking tea in Triplicane on midnight strolls and spending the night on the beach.

'Promoted young talent'

Film art director Thota Tharani, a friend of the artist, says passion was evident in his work. "He was not just patching up colour, but painted with sincerity," says Mr. Tharani, praising the composition of the colours.

Though his paintings kept increasing in value, Kudallur showed little interest in sales, preferring instead to expend his bursts of energy on his art, in a home chaotic with canvases, palettes and paint. Instead, he left the details to the few people he trusted, like Mayur Shah, at Chennai's Focus Gallery.

Mr. Shah says Kudallur constantly urged him to display the work of younger artists. "He saw great talent being suppressed everywhere, so he was proudest when we promoted relatively unknown names," he says, adding, "He would go to their shows and always buy a painting to encourage them."

Singer-guitarist Bhupinder Singh passes away

His numbers like *Dil Dhoondta Hai* have withstood the test of time

ANUJ KUMAR
NEW DELHI

Eminent singer and guitarist Bhupinder Singh, who gave voice to wounded hearts for years, passed away in Mumbai on Monday evening because of multiple health issues, at the age of 82.

Over the years, Mr. Singh's heavy bass voice captured the weariness of the soul like no other. *Dil Dhoondta Hai Phir Wahi Fursat Ke Raat Din* (*Mausam*) remains a trusted balm for heartache. The contemplative ghazal *Kabhi Kisi Ko Muqammal Jahan Nahin Milta* (*Ahista Ahista*) continues to make a statement on the incompleteness of life. Not just a versatile singer, the guitar pieces he played for Ustad Vilayat Khan in *Kadambari* stand out.

Bhupinder Singh

Born in Amritsar, Mr. Singh grew up in Delhi's West Patel Nagar and was introduced to music by his father Natha Singh, who was also a musician.

After learning guitar, he started working as a casual artist with All India Radio under the guidance of composer Satish Bhatia. It was Bhatia who introduced Mr. Singh to composer Madan Mohan. The latter called Mr. Singh to Mumbai and offered *Hoke Majboor Mujhe Usne Bhulaya Hoga* in *Haqeeqat*. Like most of his numbers, the song has withstood the test of time.

Soon the news of his proficiency with the Hawaiian, Spanish and electric guitars also spread and he became part of the famed R.D. Burman team. The *Dum Maro Dum* riff, emerged from Mr. Singh's instrument.

"When Dev (Anand) sahib narrated the situation and said 'imagine smoke and clouds of heroin', I started playing a tune on my electric guitar, and R.D. said, 'this is it'," Mr. Singh once told this journalist. Mr. Singh followed it up with an equally impactful *Chingari Koi Bhadke* (*Amar Prem*) and *Chura Liya Hai Tumne* (*Yaadon Ki Baarat*) for R.D. again.

Most of his songs live on because they generate the same emotions as they did in the late 1970s. Being a migrant himself, he could identify with the emotional dilemma expressed in *Ek Akela Is Shehar Main* (*Gharaonda*) or the urge to embrace life in *Zindagi Zindagi Mere Ghar Aana* (*Dooriyan*).

Mr. Singh also struck a chord with Bappi Lahiri when he sang the irresistible ghazal, *Kisi Nazar Ko Tera Intezar Aaj Bhi Hai* (*Aetbaar*) for him.

In the 1980s, he once again focussed on private albums and with his wife, Mitali Mukherjee emerged as a force in ghazal singing.

Freedom fighters' kin to flag off trains

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Indian Railways on Monday announced a week-long celebration as part of *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav*, which commemorates 75 years of Independence, to highlight the importance of 27 trains and 75 railway stations to the freedom struggle.

The celebration, which will take place from July 18 to 23, will see the trains being decorated and stations lit up, as well as the staging of *Nukkad Natak* (street play), light and sound shows, video films and playing of patriotic songs.

Under the programme, the 27 trains will be flagged off by family members of freedom fighters. Historical facts about the trains would be depicted on them for the benefit of citizens, particularly the younger generation, Railway Board Chairman and CEO V.K. Tripathi said on Monday.

Our defence exports have gone up seven times: Modi

PM reiterates Centre's push for domestic manufacturing

DINAKAR PERI
NEW DELHI

India's defence imports have decreased by about 21% in the past four or five years and this has happened in a short time, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday while stating that the country is moving fast from being the "biggest defence importer to a big exporter".

Narendra Modi

"Our defence exports have increased seven times in the last eight years. Very recently, our countrymen were filled with pride when they came to know that last year, we had achieved defence exports worth ₹13,000 crore and of this, 70% was from the private sector," Mr. Modi said at the Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO) seminar 'Swavlamban'.

Talking of the push for domestic defence manufacturing, Mr. Modi said that in the past eight years, the government had not only increased the defence budget, but also ensured that it was utilised for the development of defence manufacturing within the country. "Today, a major part of the budget is earmarked for the purchase of defence equipment from Indian companies only."

Drone demonstration

Mr. Modi unveiled 'SPRINT Challenges' aimed at the development of 75 indigenous technologies/products by the industry for induction into the Navy. He also witnessed the demonstration of an electric human-carrying drone, which was described as the country's first such drone. In addition to defence applications, this drone could be used to transport patients to hospitals quickly and also in the farm sector for logistics support, said Nikunj Parashar, founder and CEO of Sagar Defence, which has developed the drone.

The goal of self-reliance of the Indian armed forces was very important for the 21st century, Mr. Modi said.

While noting that 39 ships and submarines were now under construction in India, Vice Chief of the Naval Staff Vice Admiral S.N. Ghormade said the Navy was currently hand-holding 40 start-ups that were developing a range of niche technologies.

12 killed as bus falls into Narmada

Vehicle was on its way from Pune to Indore when it fell off bridge in Dhar district

SHUBHOMOY SIKDAR
SHOUMOJIT BANERJEE
RAIPUR/PUNE

Twelve people were killed when the bus they were travelling on fell into the Narmada in Dhamnod town of Dhar district in Madhya Pradesh on Monday morning. The dead are 10 passengers, the driver and the conductor of the Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation bus from Pune to Indore.

The bus was crossing the Khalghat Sanjay Setu on the Agra-Mumbai National Highway No. 3 when it plunged into the river nearly 40 feet below. The town, close to the Dhar-Khargone boundary, is nearly 290 km from Bhopal.

District Collector, Khargone, Kumar Purushottam, who reached the spot, said the driver lost control over the bus, and the vehicle smashed the concrete railing midway on the bridge and first landed at the base of the concrete pillar before it plunged into the river.

Tragic journey: The bus that fell into the Narmada in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh on Monday. •PTI

"The hard surface compounded the impact of the fall and caused severe injuries to those inside it, even before it plunged into the river," Mr. Purushottam said.

An initial investigation suggested that the vehicle was at a high speed and the driver lost control over it while trying to save a two-wheeler rider, who was coming from the wrong side, Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Narottam Mishra said.

The strong current in the river due to incessant monsoon rain posed challenges to those involved in the rescue operations. Madhya Pradesh Agriculture Minister Kamal Patel tweeted that all 12 bodies had been identified. Seven of the victims were from Maharashtra, four were from Rajasthan and one was from Madhya Pradesh.

President Ram Nath Kovind, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and the Chief Ministers of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra were among those who expressed grief over the incident.

₹16 lakh ex gratia each

Mr. Patel said the family of each of the deceased would get an amount of ₹16 lakh. This comprises ₹4 lakh from the Madhya Pradesh government, ₹10 lakh announced by Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and the ₹2 lakh announced by the Centre.

According to sources in Maharashtra, the fitness certificate of the 10-year-old bus was to expire on July 27.

The Jalgaon District Collectorate has set up a control room with phone numbers 09555899091, 0257-2223180 and 0257-2217193.

THE HINDU CROSSWORD + 13612

(set by WrdPlougher)

To solve this puzzle online, get across to our crossword site @ *https://qrgo.page.link/jjpTn*

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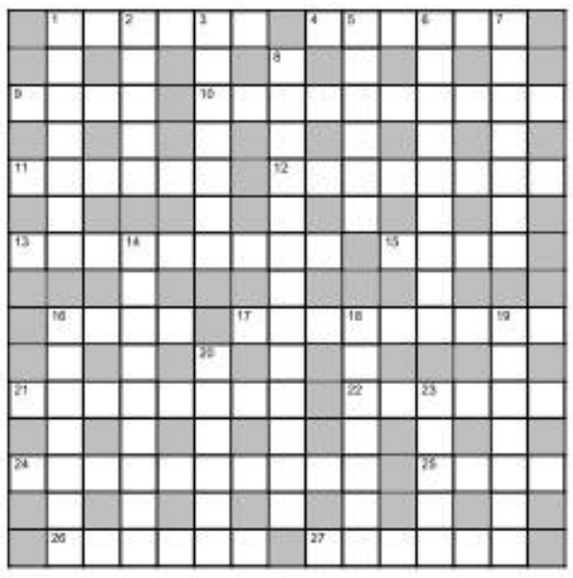

Across

1 Radish, eggs, carrots – ingredients prescribed exclusively for starters, perhaps? (6)
4 Interrogating tough (6)
9 Complain about cheat (4)
10 Barely spotting omen, acting all-powerful (10)
11 "Wear a bra, dear, it's showing" (6)
12 Well-educated people disposing of litter with AI (8)
13 Provide support after wagtails finally cried about wing, pointing to the tail (9)
15 Perhaps NATO defence falling short (4)
16 Atrocious acne attack (4)
17 Metallic, hard – not lead – heavy for weighing machine (9)
21 Particle without spin, one negative displacing a bit of lepton (8)
22 Buffalo-owner acquiring name and fame (6)
24 Like a risky proposition to offer lady having sex (3-3-4)
25 Sent back private text on social media with love twice, giving cheer (4)
26 "Not ours?" outraged inheritors – iron out (6)
27 Reportedly outlawed Italian criminal (6)

Down

1 Brown dancing with excellent coloured band (7)
2 Approximately drawn up arc without radius under semi-circle (5)
3 Justify joke without substance, saying... (7)
5 ... "Judge not!", totally upset about missing second mark (6)
6 Early pint, drunken exchange (9)
7 DNA-related information briefly mentioned, withdrawn (7)
8 A Christian coaching all to convert (5-8)
14 *Enter... enter...* tape malfunctions (9)
16 Six naked sots chasing red sheep in England (7)
18 Geographical area originally encompassing ancient place like India, unpopulated (7)
19 Skiff sailor returning, embracing bespectacled wife, beginning to blush (7)
20 Exchange T&C in dating app to discover dying spark (6)
23 Unsteady person shifting domain? Not I (5)

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

Solution to puzzle 13611

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Acharya parampara

Every generation derives its spiritual strength from the tradition it has inherited and is also responsible to preserve it without distortion and hand it down to posterity. For a majority of us, the Vedas are the basis of our faith and belief. The Vedas are apaurusheya and are believed to be the very breath of the Supreme Brahman. They are the authority for knowing about Brahman, the world and our own selves and how each of these has a bearing on each other, pointed out Asuri Sri Madhavachariar in a discourse.

There are both believers and non-believers in the Vedas since ancient times and this has given rise to many schools of thought. So, some are based on the Vedas, and also many that are opposed to the tenets of the Vedas. Even among those that accept the Vedas, there exist different streams such as Dvaita, Advaita, Visishtadvaita, and so on. Adi Sankara has evolved the Advaita system and Madhvacharya the Dvaita system of thought. The Visishtadvaita philosophy has been propagated by Ramanuja and it is based on the Vaishnava sampradaya which reveres Lord Narayana and Goddess Sri together as the primordial acharya.

Ramanuja derived the inspiration and grace of Alavandar, who had received the tradition from his grandfather Nathamuni and his sishyas. Ramanuja built this philosophy from the foundation laid by Alavandar. It is held that Nathamuni propitiated Nammazhwar, an amsa of Vishvaksena. Pleased by Nathamuni's resolute penance, Nammazhwar imparted to him the Nalayira Divya Prabandha tradition that is hailed as the Tamizh Veda. Ramanuja's disciples lived up to its high standards and their disciples down the line have displayed tremendous commitment to protect the tradition, and to inspire faith in people to seek the feet of the Lord.

Ranil declares Emergency ahead of vote

Opposition calls it 'an undemocratic, draconian act'; Parliament to elect new President tomorrow

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's Acting President Ranil Wickremesinghe on Monday declared an Emergency, days before legislators elect a new President in a scheduled parliamentary vote, amid political tumult and a deepening economic crisis. Mr. Wickremesinghe is a frontrunner in the contest.

This is the third time that Sri Lanka is under Emergency rule since April. A state of Emergency gives the President powers to make regulations overriding existing laws, and democracy advocates associated it with arbitrary arrests, especially of dissidents.

The move drew sharp criticism from the political opposition and civil society. "Imposition of Emergency is an undemocratic draconian act. Peace loving citizens of our motherland have the sacred privilege to exercise their fundamental rights in a democratic society. Long live democracy," Opposition leader Sajith Premadasa said in a tweet.

Uneasy calm: Police personnel patrolling a street in Colombo on Monday. • GETTY IMAGES

The Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL), a professional body of lawyers, urged the Acting President to revoke the proclamation. "A declaration of a state of Emergency is not the answer to the present situation in the country, including the spate of public protests which have occurred which resulted in the eventual resignation of the former President," the Association said in a statement.

Just ahead of Gotabaya Rajapaksa's resignation from Presidency last week, then Prime Minister Mr. Wickremesinghe was appointed Acting President. Even prior to his official appointment, Mr. Wickremesinghe sought to declare an Emergency and curfew, until he was forced to backtrack on the decision that sparked wide condemnation.

Constitutionally, a new President must be elected through Parliament within one month if the office of the President falls vacant. The nominations will be made on Tuesday, making known the final list of presidential aspirants in Parliament, and the voting will take place on Wednesday.

Mr. Wickremesinghe is said to have considerable support from the Rajapaksas' party that holds a majority in the House, although some of its members are openly backing his contender Dullas Alahapperuma, a former Rajapaksa loyalist now sitting independently.

Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa and leader of the leftist Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) Anura Kumara Dissanayake have also said they would run for Presidency. The vote will be held through a secret ballot.

Will call out Putin in front of swing states, says Truss

Sunday's debate was the second in the British PM race

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN
LONDON

Five Conservative MPs in the U.K. debated each other on Sunday night, hopeful of winning the leadership of their party and the top job at Downing Street. Responding to a question on whether they would sit down with Russian President Vladimir Putin at the G20 [scheduled for November], British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, one of the Prime Ministerial candidates, said she would call out Mr. Putin in front of "swing" countries like India and Indonesia.

"I think it is very important that we have the voices of the free world facing down Vladimir Putin," she said.

"I was prepared to face down [Russian Foreign Minister] Sergey Lavrov, I'm prepared to say [sic] to Putin directly and call him out in front of those very important swing countries like India and Indonesia. So I would go there, and I would call Putin out," she said.

All the other candidates said they would not. "Not under current circumstances," said Penny Mordaunt.

Liz Truss

Rishi Sunak said he had walked out of the G20 meeting [in April] when the Russian Finance Minister was taking part.

At one point during the event, the moderator, *ITV*'s Julie Etchingham, said there had been questions about Mr. Sunak's judgement with regard to his wife's tax status and his own 'green card' status – Mr. Sunak was a permanent resident of the U.S. while being the Chancellor of the U.K.

"So I've always been a completely normal U.K. taxpayer. My wife is from another country so she is treated differently. But she explained that in the spring, and she resolved that issue, but there is commentary about my wife's family's wealth," Mr. Sunak said, adding that he would address the topic "head on". Mr. Sunak's wife, Akshata Murthy, is an Indian citizen and has a 0.91% in tech giant, Infosys.

Incredibly proud

Mr. Sunak said he was "incredibly proud" of what his parents-in-law had built. Mr. Sunak's in-laws are Infosys founder Narayana Murthy and his wife Sudha Murthy, who initially financed the firm with ₹10,000 in 1981. Mr. Sunak said his father-in-law "came from nothing" and built one of the world's most successful firms.

"It's an incredibly conservative story. Actually, it's a story that I'm really proud of... and as Prime Minister, I want to ensure that we can create more stories like theirs here, at home."

Sunday's debate was the second in the race that began last week, with a third round of voting set for Monday. There was daylight between the candidates on some debate topics, such as taxation, but on others, they had the same position – such as not wanting to have Prime Minster Boris Johnson on their teams, if they were to become the next Prime Minister.

Russian shelling kills six; Zelensky sacks security chief

EU Ministers meet to discuss further sanctions on Moscow

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
KYIV

Russian shelling in battle-scarred east Ukraine on Monday left six dead, Kyiv said, as the country was reeling from President Volodymyr Zelensky's decision to sack two senior law enforcement officials.

EU Foreign Ministers were convening, meanwhile, to discuss toughening sanctions against Moscow and the bloc's foreign policy chief warned of the "life and death" consequences of Russia's blockade of Ukrainian Black Sea grain exports.

Rescue workers in blue helmets could be seen digging through debris and clearing rubble from the collapsed remains of a two-storey building in Toretsk in the industrial east that was struck by Russian artillery early on Monday.

"Rescuers found and recovered the bodies of five people in total. Three people were rescued from the rubble and one of them died in hospital," the emergency services said, adding their rescue operations had concluded.

Moving on: Children playing against the backdrop of destroyed buildings in Borodianka, northwest of Kyiv. • AFP

Toretsk, a town with of around 30,000 residents lies some 50 km south of Kramatorsk, a key target for Russian forces that were ordered into Ukraine in February.

They initially failed to capture the capital Kyiv early in the invasion but have made gains in the eastern region of Donbas recently, capturing the sister cities of Lysychansk and Severodonetsk.

Mr. Zelensky said that he was firing Prosecutor General Iryna Venediktova and security chief Ivan Bakanov amid widespread cases of suspected treason by law enforcement officials.

Mr. Zelensky on Monday appointed Vasyl Malyuk, 39, as acting security chief.

U.S. school shooter faces death penalty at trial

Cruz gunned down 17 children in 2018

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MIAMI

A young man who gunned down 17 people at his former high school in Parkland, Florida goes on trial on Monday, with jurors set to hand down either death penalty or a life sentence.

Nikolas Cruz took an AR-15 assault rifle into Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Valentine's Day in 2018 and killed 17 students and staff members.

Cruz – who was 19 at the time – has already pleaded guilty to 17 counts of first-degree murder and 17 counts of attempted murder for those wounded during the massacre.

The trial is being held to determine his sentence. The death penalty requires a unanimous decision by the jury; Cruz will otherwise be handed life without parole.

The Florida shooting stunned a country accustomed to gun violence and sparked new efforts, led by students from the school itself, to get lawmakers to pass tougher gun control laws.

Parkland survivors founded "March for Our Lives," organising a rally that drew thousands of people to Washington in 2018.

President Joe Biden signed a law in June that enhanced background checks for younger buyers and federal cash for States introducing "red flag" laws.

3 killed in U.S. mall shooting

ASSOCIATED PRESS
GREENWOOD

Three people were killed and two were injured on Sunday at an Indiana mall after a man with a rifle opened fire and an armed civilian shot and killed him, police said. The man, identified as Jonathan Sapirman, entered the Greenwood Park Mall and began firing. He was killed by Elisjsha Dicken,22, in the food court, police said.

Truss, Sunak pull out of TV debate

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN
LONDON

The final televised debate among contenders for the leadership of the Conservative party and the U.K. Prime Minister's job was cancelled after the former Chancellor Rishi Sunak and Foreign Secretary Liz Truss pulled out, following debates over the weekend, which exposed fissures in the party.

The debate was scheduled for Tuesday night on Sky News but was cancelled following the candidates' assessment that Sunday night's debate was not civil enough. The British press characterised the exchanges as 'vicious', 'bad tempered' and 'bruising' .

For instance, Mr. Sunak had referred to Ms. Truss's plans for a tax cut as "socialism" and "something for nothing economics".

"Conservative MPs are said to be concerned about the damage the debates are doing to the image of the party, exposing disagreements and splits," a report from Sky News said.

One of the five remaining candidates - most likely MP Tom Tugendhat - will exit the race by the end of the night, local time, after fellow Tory MPs vote in the third round of the race.

France, Spain fight spreading wildfires

ASSOCIATED PRESS
LA TESTE-DE-BUCH

France scrambled more water-bomber planes and hundreds more firefighters to combat spreading wildfires that were being fed on Monday by hot swirling winds from a searing heat wave broiling much of Europe. In Spain, two people have been killed in blazes there.

With winds changing direction, authorities in southwestern France announced plans to evacuate more towns and move out 3,500 people at risk.

Three additional water-dropping planes were joining six others already making repeated rounds to douse the flames

Spain reported a second fatality in two days as it battled wildfires.

The hot weather in the U.K. was expected to be so severe this week that train operators warned it could warp the rails and some schools set up wading pools to help children cool off.

Ukraine content: Russia fines Google $360 mn

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MOSCOW

A Moscow court has fined Google 21 billion roubles ($360 million) for failing to remove content concerning Russia's military intervention in Ukraine, the nation's telecommunications regulator said on Monday.

Roskomnadzor said the Google-owned YouTube had failed to block "false information" on the war in Ukraine, "extremist and terrorist propaganda" and content "calling on minors to participate in unauthorised demonstrations".

Russian authorities have been dialling up their pressure on Western social media firms in recent years with repeated fines and threats in a bid to remove criticism from the Internet.

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संक्षिप्त ई–निविदा सूचना / Brief E-TENDER NOTICE

ई–निविदा सूचना सं./ e-Tender Notice No.CMG/C/H228708 तिथि/ Date. 12.07.2022

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से, सतीश धवन अंतरिक्ष केंद्र शार स्थितइस्ट्रैक परिसर में "आईडीआरएसएस फीडर उपकरण सुविधा भवन का निर्माण" (अनुमानित लागत ₹83 लाख), हेतु मद दर ई–निविदाएं आमंत्रित हैं। निविदा दस्तावेज 28.07.2022 को 14:30 बजे तक डाउनलोड किए जा सकते हैं। विस्तृत सूचना हेतु इच्छुक निविदाकार हमारी वेबसाइट www.isro.gov.in या www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO देखें।

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
Industries Commissionerate and Directorate of Industries and Commerce, Government of Tamil Nadu invites applications for the post of
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Last Date of receipt of application
1st August 2022 by 18:00 hrs
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Place: Chennai
Date: 19.07.2022
DIPR/731/Display/2022

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TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice NIT.No.21/CW/T.No.21/2022-23 Dt:18.07.2022

For and on behalf of State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited, sealed tenders are invited under "Two Cover System" for the following work from Class-I State level Civil Contractors registered in PWD/Highways/Any Department of Government of Tamil Nadu, Central Government Department, Tamil Nadu State Government undertaking having experience in similar nature of works. Tenders will be received upto 3.00 PM on 23.08.2022 and the same will be opened on the same day at 3.30 PM

Name of Work	Approx. value of work	EMD
Formation of Approach Road from Km 143/4 of NH-44 to SIPCOT Industrial Park, Dharmapuri	Rs.1394.60 Lakhs (inclusive of GST@18%)	Rs. 7,07,300/-*
*in the form of Demand Draft drawn in favour of SIPCOT Ltd., payable at Chennai. (In the tenderer's Name/Firm only)		

The tender Schedule can be Downloaded at free of cost from the website www.tenders.tn.gov.in

DIPR/3433/TENDER/2022 MANAGING DIRECTOR

Central Coalfields Limited
A Miniratna Company
(A Subsidiary of Coal India Limited)

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) For
Setting up of Automated Manufactured Aggregate Plant using Ash as Major raw material of capacity 10 TPH at NTPC, Simhadri

EOI No.: 1. AM-NI/2022-23/C01 Date of Publication : 19.07.2022

NTPC is venturing into production of manufactured aggregate from ash using various technologies. Accordingly, EoI is hereby solicited for setting up of 10 TPH aggregate production plant, which involves production of homogenous paste from mixing fine fly ash, cement, water, admixture etc., which will be used to cast boulders. These boulders will be subjected to accelerated curing to gain early strength. The boulders will then be crushed & sieved to get aggregate of desired sizes.

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure, Bommanahalli Division, No-207, 2nd Floor, Annex Building-3, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560 002.
No:EE/RI-Bom/TEND/03/2022-23 Date: 18.07.2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure-Bommanahalli Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Works	Amount put to Tender (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
1	Improvement to drain, footpath and asphalting to selected connecting road to major roads at 2nd sector HSR Layout Bommanahalli Constituency. (BBMP Grants)	839.73	12,60,000/-
2	Improvement and Asphalting to Kothanuru main road from Brigade millennium to Bannerughatta via BK Circle and Amruthnagara main road from Konanakunte cross to Sowdhamini. (BBMP Grants)	618.62	9,28,000/-
3	"Improvement to drain, footpath, and asphalting to selected arterial, sub arterial road and connecting road to major road in Bengaluru South Constituency." (BBMP Grants)	441.80	6,63,000/-

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka from 20.07.2022 onwards. (2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before 27.07.2022 at 4:00 pm. (3) The Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on 22.07.2022 at 3:00 pm in the Office of the chief engineer (Road Infrastructure) (4) Technical Bids will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure-Bommanahalli Division on 29.07.2022 at 4:00 pm. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

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Road Infrasturcture - Bommanahalli Division

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MARKET WATCH

	18-07-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	54,521.15	1.41
US Dollar	79.88	-0.20
Brent oil	105.52	–

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	739.75	8.85
Apollo Hosp	3847.10	15.40
Asian Paints	3017.85	39.70
Axis Bank	684.50	22.30
Bajaj Auto	3984.05	70.70
Bajaj Finserv	12250.00	409.75
Bajaj Finance	6059.80	144.60
Bharti Airtel	663.05	11.25
BPCL	315.80	3.70
Britannia Ind	3774.95	-73.95
Cipla	967.35	1.30
Coal India	195.60	2.20
Divis Lab	3738.45	10.70
Dr Reddys Lab	4466.10	-79.90
Eicher Motors	3036.50	2.50
Grasim Ind	1428.30	30.10
HCL Tech	900.30	17.15
HDFC	2204.30	-11.80
HDFC Bank	1347.55	-14.50
HDFC Life	542.75	2.85
Hero MotoCorp	2817.95	17.90
Hindalco	367.10	16.55
Hind Unilever	2553.50	-15.00
ICICI Bank	772.00	20.80
Indusind Bank	851.05	36.00
Infosys	1489.90	59.55
ITC	295.30	1.75
JSW Steel	585.95	9.55
Kotak Bank	1845.65	57.95
L&T	1727.65	42.80
M&M	1163.40	-9.10
Maruti Suzuki	8704.80	-73.25
Nestle India Ltd.	18625.40	-146.10
NTPC	149.80	0.05
ONGC	129.90	3.35
PowerGrid Corp	210.25	0.95
Reliance Ind	2422.25	20.45
SBI Life	1177.15	21.70
State Bank	490.30	11.20
Shree Cement	20055.70	353.90
Sun Pharma	882.80	4.40
Tata Consumer Products Ltd	794.35	3.80
Tata Motors	450.90	10.70
Tata Steel	904.30	20.50
TCS	3063.50	68.90
Tech Mahindra	1008.00	34.20
Titan	2237.45	47.75
UltraTech Cement	5982.40	175.35
UPL	685.05	15.70
Wipro	404.75	10.90

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 18

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.77	80.09
Euro	80.98	81.30
British Pound	95.57	95.96
Japanese Yen (100)	57.73	57.96
Chinese Yuan	11.84	11.89
Swiss Franc	81.68	82.02
Singapore Dollar	57.14	57.38
Canadian Dollar	61.52	61.77
Malaysian Ringitt	17.90	17.98
Australian Dollar	54.53	54.75

Source: Indian Bank

IN BRIEF

Maruti unveils new S-Presso at ₹4.25 lakh

NEW DELHI

Maruti Suzuki India on Monday said it had unveiled a new version of its entry-level hatchback S-Presso priced between ₹4.25 lakh and ₹5.99 lakh (ex-showroom). The manual variants are priced between ₹4.25 lakh and ₹5.49 lakh, while the trims with automatic gear shift are tagged at ₹5.65 lakh and ₹5.99 lakh. PTI

PW to set up engineering centre in Bengaluru

NEW DELHI

Aircraft engine maker Pratt & Whitney (PW) on Monday said it will set up an engineering centre in Bengaluru, that is slated to begin operations in January 2023. The centre, its first facility in Asia Pacific and fifth globally, will enable the firm to offer engineering services on contract to domestic and international customers. PW's integrated global engineering operations currently has centres in the U.S., Canada, Puerto Rico and Poland.

Jio submits ₹14,000 cr. earnest money deposit

NEW DELHI

Reliance Jio Infocomm has submitted earnest money deposit (EMD) of ₹14,000 crore ahead of its participation in 5G auction, while Bharti Airtel has put in ₹5,500 crore. According to the list of pre-qualified bidders posted on the telecom department's website, the EMD amount of Adani Data Networks stands at ₹100 crore. Vodafone Idea has put in an EMD of ₹2,200 crore. PTI

Job site Indeed unveils Hindi version

MUMBAI

Job site Indeed said it had introduced Hindi as an option for jobseekers to discover, apply for jobs and create online resumes in the language. The update is currently available on the mobile website and mobile app versions, which account for a majority of the traffic that comes to the site, the firm said, adding that there had been growing demand for content in regional languages such as Hindi.

Crypto law needs global teamwork: FM

Minister's statement in Parliament signals legislation on cryptocurrencies may be off the table for now

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Reserve Bank of India has recommended a ban on cryptocurrencies citing 'destabilising effects' for the country's monetary and fiscal health, but a law to regulate or ban cryptocurrencies can only be effective once there is some form of international agreement in place, the Finance Minister said.

"Cryptocurrencies are by definition borderless and require international collaboration to prevent regulatory arbitrage," Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in a written reply on Monday to a question from Lok Sabha MP Thol Thirumavalavan asking about the government's plans to legislate restrictions on such instruments.

"Any legislation for regulation or for banning can be effective only after significant international collaboration on evaluation of the risks and benefits and evolution of common taxonomy and standards," she added.

The Minister's comments assume significance as they suggest a legislation for reining in activity in cryptocurrencies, which had been included in Parliament's list of business for two sessions last year, is off the table till a global compact of some form can be firmed up.

Joint task: 'Cryptocurrencies are borderless and require international teamwork to prevent regulatory arbitrage'. • AP

Informing the Lok Sabha about the RBI's concerns over the adverse effects cryptocurrencies could have for the economy, Ms. Sitharaman said: "RBI mentioned that cryptocurrencies are not a currency because every modern currency needs to be issued by the central bank or Government.

'Value solely speculative'

"Further, the value of fiat currencies is anchored by monetary policy and their status as legal tender, however the value of cryptocurrencies rests solely on the speculation and expectations of high returns that are not well anchored, so it will have a destabilising effect on the monetary and fiscal stability of a country," she added.

"In view of the concerns expressed by RBI on the destabilising effect of cryptocurrencies... RBI has recommended for framing of legislation on this sector. RBI is of the view that cryptocurrencies should be prohibited," the Minister said.

The Ministry noted that the RBI had been cautioning people against the use of virtual currencies since as far back as 2013. In April 2018, the RBI had prohibited regulated entities from dealing in virtual currencies or providing services for facilitating any person or entity in dealing with or settling them. The directive was set aside by the Supreme Court in March 2020.

Subsequently, in May 2021, RBI advised regulated entities to continue to carry out customer due diligence processes for transactions in such currencies, in line with regulations including KYC and Anti-Money Laundering.

GST compensation dues now total ₹35,266 crore

Dues to States pertain to June 2022

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Outstanding Goods and Services Tax (GST) Compensation dues to States now amount to ₹35,266 crore, the Finance Ministry told Parliament on Monday.

These dues pertain to June 2022, the last month for which States were assured a certain level of revenue in order to switch to the GST regime, and would be paid from GST Compensation Cess collections, whose levy has been extended till March 2026.

Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Gujarat had the maximum outstanding GST compensation dues as per provisional figures for June. The dues for these six States add up to ₹17,668 crore.

Pankaj Chaudhary

"Entire GST compensation dues of States and UTs has been cleared by Central Government for period up to May 31, 2022, by releasing ₹86,912 crore," Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said in a written reply in the Lok Sabha. "This decision has been taken despite the fact that only about ₹25,000 crore was available in the GST Compensation Fund," he noted.

'Govt., RBI measures aid NPA recovery'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Concrete steps taken by the government and RBI helped banks recover bad loans worth more than ₹8.6 lakh crore in the last eight fiscal years, the Centre informed Parliament on Monday.

Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat Karad in a written reply to the Lok Sabha said the occurrence of non-performing assets (NPAs) was normal, although an undesirable corollary, to the business of banking. Factors such as macroeconomic conditions, sectoral issues, global business environment and delayed stress recognition by banks, contributed to NPA build-up, he added.

Equity indices jump as tech, bank stocks gain

Sensex rises 1.4% to 54,521 points

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Equity indices rose about 1.4% on Monday tracking global trends, with technology and banking stocks leading the gains.

The S&P BSE Sensex rose 760.37 points, or 1.4%, to 54,521.15. Stocks that rose the most include IndusInd Bank (4.36%), Infosys (4.16%), Tech Mahindra (3.5%), Bajaj Finserv (3.4%) and Axis Bank (3.3%).

"Markets are largely mirroring global counterparts, especially the U.S., while domestic factors like macroeconomic data and earnings cause volatile swings in between," said Ajit Mishra, VP-Research, Religare Broking. The Nifty 50 index too

surged 1.43%.

Narendra Solanki, head, Fundamental Research – Anand Rathi Investment Services, said: "Sentiment was upbeat as a private report suggests that the income of farmers has grown in the range of 1.3-1.7 times in FY22 from FY18 levels on average, while grain exports soared to over $ 50 billion."

Retail sales grow 13% over June 2019: RAI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Retail businesses across India witnessed 13% sales growth in June compared with levels seen in the same month in 2019, Retailers Association of India said on Monday.

Though sales were higher than pre-pandemic levels, the second half of June was not very encouraging, and the impact of inflation on consumer spending was still a worry, which might affect upcoming festive sales, the association said in a statement.

Retail businesses in the eastern region saw the highest growth, with a rise of 17% over June 2019, followed by the North (16%), West (11%) and South (9%).

Russia said to seek Indian oil payments in UAE dirhams

Bill to one refiner requests settlement in Emirati currency

REUTERS
NEW DELHI

Russia is seeking payment in United Arab Emirates dirhams for oil exports to some Indian customers, three sources said and a document showed, as Moscow moves away from the U.S. dollar to insulate itself from Western sanctions.

Russia has been hit by a slew of sanctions from the United States and its allies over its invasion of Ukraine in late February.

An invoice seen by Reuters shows the bill for supplying oil to one refiner is calculated in dollars while payment is requested in Emirati dirhams.

Russian oil major Rosneft is pushing crude through trading firms including Everest Energy and Coral Energy into India, now its second biggest oil buyer after China.

Western sanctions have prompted many oil importers to shun Moscow, pushing spot prices for Russian crude to record discounts against other grades. That gave Indian refiners, who rarely bought Russian oil due to high freight costs, an opportunity to bag exports at big discounts to Brent.

Second-biggest supplier

Moscow replaced Saudi Arabia as the second biggest oil supplier to India after Iraq for the second month in a row in June.

At least two Indian refiners have already settled some payments in dirhams, the sources said, adding more would make such payments in coming days.

The RBI last week enabled trade settlement in rupees.

BoM Q1 net profit more than doubles to ₹452 cr.

Net interest income increases 19.9%

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Bank of Maharashtra reported a 117.25% growth in net profit for the first quarter ended June 30 to ₹452 crore, following improvement in performance and a rise in net interest income. Its operating profit improved to ₹1,202 crore, from ₹1,107 crore a year earlier.

Net interest income increased 19.9% to ₹1,686 crore and net interest margin improved to 3.28%. The bank's gross advances grew 27.1% to ₹1,40,561 crore. Net advances grew 28.9% to ₹1,36,497 crore.

The retail, agri and MSME business climbed 22.7%. Retail advances grew 25.1% to ₹36,117 crore. MSME advances rose 20.3% to ₹26,121 crore, the bank said.

Total business expanded

18.1% to ₹3,36,470 crore and total deposits rose 12.4% to ₹1,95,909 crore.

During the quarter, provisions towards NPAs declined 27.2% to ₹548 crore, compared with ₹753 crore a year earlier.

The gross non-performing asset ratio (GNPA) improved to 3.74%, against 6.35%, while net NPA stood at 0.88%, against 2.22% a year earlier, the bank said.

Yes Bank to invest ₹350 cr. in JC Flowers

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

Yes Bank will invest up to ₹350 crore for a potential 20% stake in asset reconstruction company JC Flowers, which has emerged as the base bidder for the lender's bad loans worth ₹48,000 crore.

The private sector lender is planning to raise up to $1 billion in FY23 to bolster its core capital base once the NPA challenge is over, MD and chief executive Prashant Kumar told reporters here on Monday.

The bank's core equity ratio stood at 11.5% right now and will go to more than 14% after the capital raise, he said, adding that even though the market conditions were not conducive now, the lender would like to conclude the process in FY23 itself.

Hindalco ties up with Israeli EV battery firm

LALATENDU MISHRA
MUMBAI

Hindalco Industries said it had signed an MoU with Phinergy, an Israel-based metal-air battery technology company, and IOC Phinergy Private Ltd. (IOP), for development of aluminium-air batteries for electric vehicles (EVs) and for energy storage.

Phinergy and IOP, a joint venture between Phinergy and Indian Oil Corporation, will partner exclusively with Hindalco in India, on R&D and pilot production of aluminium plates for aluminium-air batteries and recycling of aluminium after usage in these batteries, Hindalco said.

"Aluminium-air batteries are expected to make EV adoption more convenient," Hindalco said.

'Ola Electric investing $500 mn in cell R&D unit'

To be up, running next month: CEO

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Ola Electric is investing $500 million (about ₹4,000 crore) in a cell research and development facility in Bengaluru, company founder and CEO Bhavish Aggarwal said on Monday.

In a tweet, Mr. Aggarwal stated: "Sharing something I'm personally very passionate about! Building a state-of-the-art Battery Innovation Center (BIC) in Bangalore".

BIC would be one of the world's largest, most advanced cell R&D facilities, he asserted.

"500+ engineers & PhDs, $500mn investment. Will be up & running next month!" Mr. Aggarwal said.

In a statement, the company asserted the BIC would

Bhavish Aggarwal

be one of the world's largest and most advanced cell R&D facilities with more than 165 unique and cutting-edge lab equipment to cover all aspects of cell-related research and development.

The centre would host lines that could produce all form factors cylindrical, pouch, coin, and prismatic cells, the company added.

PUBLIC NOTICE

REGARDING REVOCATION OF THE GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY The General Public is hereby notified that my client **SMT. PREMALATHA SATYANARAYANA**, aged about 60 years, W/o. C.S. Satyanarayana, D/o. late M. Vedanthan, residing at "SANDIP", Flat F1, Shrisanthi Comforts, 112, 20th Main Road, J.P. Nagar 2nd phase, Bangalore-560 078 has revoked the **G.P.A. dated. 22-12-2009 and dated 18-11-2017** executed and registered by appointing **Mr. M.G. HEMANTH KUMAR** as GPA. Hence the general public are hereby notified not to deal or do any transaction with the GPA holder **Mr. M.G.HEMANTH KUMAR** in any manner whatsoever in respect of the schedule property. Despite this notice, henceforth, if any person/third party create interest or induct in any kind of transactions through **Mr. M. G. HEMANTH KUMAR**, based on the referred Two GPA's, it is void and it will not be binding on my client and it will be at their own risk and liability.

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1) Detail of work : THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI INVITES TENDER FROM THE ELIGIBLE TENDERERS FOR 4702 A.P.B. WORKS FOR THE YEAR 2022-23, 2) Amount of Estimate : Rs. 178,40,870.82, 3) Eligibility of Contractor : Class-1, 4) Details of Tender application amount and EMD amount : Tender Fee As per e-portal E.M.D. Rs. 2,67,700.00, 5) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications : 30-07-2022 Upto 11.00 Hours, 6) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders : 01-08-2022 Up to 17.30 Hours, 7) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid : 02-08-2022 Up to 17.30 Hours, 8) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid : 04-08-2022 Up to 11.00 Hours, 9) Addl. information : Executive Engineer, M.I. & G.W.D. Division, Kalaburagi. 10) Address of E-Portal. : www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in

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ODISHA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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SHORT ADVERTISEMENT

Recruitment to the posts of SDIPRO (OIS-II), Group-B of Odisha Information Service Cadre in Information and Public Relations Department

WEBSITE - http://opsc.gov.in

Online Applications are invited from the prospective candidates through the Proforma Application to be made available on the Website of the Commission-**http://opsc.gov.in. The link for online application and submission shall be available from 05.08.2022 to 05.09.2022 (Note: 05.09.2022 is the last date for submission of Registered Online Application)** for recruitment to **19 (Nineteen)** posts of SDIPRO (OIS- II), Group-B of Odisha Information Service Cadre under Information & Public Relations Department in the scale of pay of Rs.44,900/- to Rs.1,42,400/- in Level-10 in the Pay Matrix provided under Rule-3 of ORSP Rules, 2017 with usual Dearness and other Allowances as may be sanctioned by the Government of Odisha from time to time. These posts are permanent.

2. VACANCY POSITION : -

As per the requisition filed by the Information & Public Relations Department, Government of Odisha, out of a total of **19(06-W)** vacancies, **14(5-W)** vacancies are reserved for UR category, **01** vacancy is reserved for SEBC category, **03(1-W)** vacancies are reserved for SC category, **01** vacancy is reserved for ST category. Also **01** post is reserved for Ex-Servicemen and **01** post is reserved for Persons with Disability with category of Disability [Sub-category:- Cat.-I (Low Vision)].

The details of vacancies and reservation status are shown in the long advertisement available at OPSC web portal **www.opsc.gov.in**.

3. AGE : -

A candidate must have attained the age of **21** (twenty one) years and must not be above the age of **38** (thirty eight) years as on the 1st day of January 2022 i.e. he/she must have been born not earlier than 2nd January, 1964 and not later than 1st January, 2001.

4. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION :

A candidate must possess a Bachelor's Degree with one year Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism/ Mass Communication or Degree in Journalism/ Mass Communication and must have adequate knowledge in Computer Application.

5. METHOD OF SELECTION :

The selection of candidates for recruitment to the posts shall be made on the basis of **Written Examination and Viva Voce test**.

N.B:- The link for online application and submission shall be available from 05.08.2022 to 05.09.2022 in the website (Note: 05.09.2022 is the last date for submission of Registered Online Application).

The candidates are advised to visit the Website of the Commission at **http://opsc.gov.in** for detailed information for applying to the above post.

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Rohit pleased with team's showing

Wanted to achieve something as a group in white ball, says the India captain

INDIA IN ENG

ANI
MANCHESTER

Following his side's five-wicket win over England in the final ODI, India captain Rohit Sharma said he is pleased with the team's efforts. Rishabh Pant's unbeaten 125 and his 133-run partnership with Hardik Pandya helped India chase down 260 in the final clash of the three-match series at Manchester.

England was bundled out for 259, thanks to some brilliant spells from Hardik Pandya (4/24) and Yuzvendra Chahal (3/60). Jos Buttler (60), Jason Roy (41) and Moeen Ali (34) played crucial knocks for the host.

"Very pleased. Came here, wanted to achieve something as a group in white ball. Last time we were beaten here, I remember that. Not an easy place to come and win games. It was a good pitch, but we do understand it is not going to be easy if we lose wickets upfront.

Well done! Pant, along with Hardik, did not panic during the chase, says Rohit. • GETTY IMAGES

Positives

"The positive side of it is these guys have not batted much in the middle overs. Today we got to see that with Hardik and Rishabh. At no point, we felt they were panicking. They backed themselves and played their shots," the skipper said.

"Chahal is a critical member. He has got so much experience bowling in all formats. I am pleased with the way he has come back after the World Cup. Hardik as well."

India-England ODI series in numbers

Batting	Inns	Runs	HS	Avg.	SR	100s/50s
Pant	2	125	125*	125.00	105.93	1/0
Hardik	2	100	71	50.00	101.01	0/1
Moeen	3	95	47	31.66	75.39	0/0
Buttler	3	94	60	31.33	80.34	0/1
Rohit	3	93	76*	46.50	109.41	0/1

Bowling	Inns	Wkts.	BBI	Avg.	Econ.	4W/5W
Topley	3	9	6/24	9.00	3.70	0/1
Bumrah	2	8	6/19	8.50	3.92	0/1
Chahal	3	7	4/47	16.71	5.35	1/0
Hardik	3	6	4/24	12.33	4.35	1/0
Shami	3	4	3/31	29.25	4.87	0/0

Stokes to retire from ODIs after first match against SA today

Playing three formats is unsustainable, feels the all-rounder

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
LONDON

Star England all-rounder and 2019 Word Cup final hero Ben Stokes on Monday made a surprise announcement to retire from ODI cricket, saying playing three formats has become "unsustainable" for him.

The 31-year-old will play his last ODI against South Africa at his home ground in Durham, which will host the opener of the three-match series on Tuesday.

Stokes' ODI career will forever be remembered for his Player-of-the-Match performance in the World Cup final against New Zealand at the Lord's three years ago.

His unbeaten 84 sent the match into a Super over as England claimed its first 50-over World Cup title in the most thrilling of circumstances.

Stokes, who is England's Test captain, has scored 2919 runs in 104 ODIs and taken 74 wickets.

"I will play my last game for England in ODI cricket on Tuesday in Durham. I have decided to retire from this format," he said in an England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) statement.

Bids adieu: England's World Cup hero Stokes is set to call time on an illustrious ODI career. • REUTERS

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Tough decision

"This has been an incredibly tough decision to make. I have loved every minute of playing with my mates for England. We have had an incredible journey on the way.

"As hard as a decision as this was to come to, it's not as hard dealing with the fact I can't give my teammates 100% of myself in this format anymore. The England shirt deserves nothing less from anyone who wears it," he added.

Stokes said he was no longer able to give 100% and that playing three formats was "unsustainable" for him now. "Three formats are just unsustainable for me now. Not only do I feel that my body is letting me down because of the schedule and what is expected of us, but I also feel that I am taking the place of another player who can give Jos and the rest of the team their all. "It's time for someone else to progress as a cricketer and make incredible memories like I have over the past 11 years."

Total commitment

"I will give everything I have to Test cricket, and now, with this decision, I feel I can also give my total commitment to the T20 format."

He wished luck to current white-ball captain Jos Buttler and coach Matthew Mott.

IN BRIEF

NZ wins first T20I against Ireland

BELFAST

New Zealand earned a fourth straight win against Ireland to start its T20I series 1-0 at Stormont on Monday. Fresh off a 3-0 series win in the ODI at Malahide, New Zealand won by 31 runs.

The scores: New Zealand 173/8 in 20 overs (Glenn Phillip 69 n.o., Josh Little 4/35) bt Ireland 142 in 18.2 overs (Lockie Ferguson 4/14). AP

Ramdin hangs up his boots

ANI
ST. JOHN'S (ANTIGUA)

Former West Indies skipper Denesh Ramdin announced his retirement from international cricket with immediate effect on Monday.

Ramdin played his last match for West Indies in a T20I in December 2019. He represented West Indies in 74 Test matches, 139 ODIs, and 71 T20Is.

Ramdin, who scored 2898 runs in Tests with four centuries, also accumulated 2200 runs in ODIs and 636 runs in T20Is. As a wicketkeeper, the 37-year-old had 217, 188 and 63 scalps in Tests, ODIs and T20Is respectively.

Ramdin. • FILE PHOTO: K. PICHUMANI

Chandimal puts Sri Lanka in a strong position

Nawaz claims maiden five-wicket haul, Yasir chips in with three in the second innings

PAKISTAN IN SL

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
GALLE

Dinesh Chandimal struck his second successive half-century to take Sri Lanka 333 runs ahead in the second innings on day three of the first Test here on Monday. Sri Lanka was 329 for nine when bad light stopped play.

Chandimal, on 86, and Prabath Jayasuriya, on four, were at the crease.

Mohammad Nawaz claimed his maiden five-wicket haul and combined with fellow spinner Yasir Shah, who took three, to rattle the opposition middle-order in the second session.

Show of defiance

But, Chandimal, who struck blazing form with his maiden double century – 206 not out – in his team's series-levelling Test win over Australia last week, stood firm in another lower-order show of defiance after the hosts had slipped to 235 for seven.

He reached his fifty and put on 41 runs with Maheesh Theekshana for the ninth wicket in a repeat performance from the hosts, who had hit back from 133 for eight to post 222 in their first innings.

Earlier, Kusal Mendis made 76 and opener Oshada Fernando 64 and put on a key third-wicket stand of 91 to fight back after an early wicket in the morning session. Oshada reached his sixth Test fifty in the first session but fell to Yasir off the second ball after lunch.

Kusal raised his fifty and took on the opposition attack with a few boundaries before Yasir bowled him with an unplayable delivery that pitched outside leg and turned to hit the top of off-stump.

Nawaz, who is making a Test comeback after nearly six years and playing his fourth five-day match, got key wickets, including Angelo Mathews and Niroshan Dickwella.

He got nightwatchman Kasun Rajitha off the third ball of the day to set things rolling for Pakistan, but the Sri Lankan batsmen kept coming back on a pitch that is expected to offer more turn to the spinners come day four.

SCOREBOARD

Sri Lanka – 1st innings: 222.
Pakistan – 1st innings: 218.
Sri Lanka – 2nd innings: Oshada Fernando c Azam b Yasir 64, Dimuth Karunaratne lbw b Nawaz 16, Kasun Rajitha lbw b Nawaz 7, Kusal Mendis b Yasir 76, Angelo Mathews c Azam b Nawaz 9, Dinesh Chandimal (batting) 86, Dhananjaya de Silva b Yasir 20, Nisroshan Dickwella b Nawaz 12, Ramesh Mendis b Nawaz 22, Maheesh Theekshana c Rizwan b Hasan 11, Prabhat Jayasuriya (batting) 4; Extras (lb-1, nb-1): 2; Total (for nine wkts in 96 overs): 329.

Fall of wickets: 1-33, 2-41, 3-132, 4-164, 5-178, 6-218, 7-235, 8-267, 9-308.

Pakistan bowling: Shaheen 7-2-21-0, Nawaz 28-2-88-5, Agha 16-1-53-0, Yasir 29-2-122-3, Hasan 10-3-15-1, Azam 1-0-9-0, Naseem 5-0-20-0.

Back with a bang: Nawaz made his Test return, after nearly six years, count. • AFP

Fraser-Pryce makes history with fifth 100m title

Crouser leads another American 1-2-3, this time in men's shot put

WORLD C'SHIPS

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
EUGENE

Jamaica's Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce made history on Sunday as she bagged a fifth World 100m title. Fraser-Pryce, a 35-year-old mother, led from gun to tape in a consummate display of sprinting that belied her age.

The Jamaican – with golds in the blue riband event in 2009, 2013, 2015 and 2019 – won in a championship record of 10.67s.

Shericka Jackson took silver in a personal best of 10.73s, with four-time Olympic sprint champion Elaine Thompson-Herah claiming bronze (10.81s).

First instance

It was the first time a nation had swept the medals in the women's 100m at the Worlds and came just a day after Fred Kerley led a US sweep of the men's 100m.

Meanwhile, Ryan Crouser led another American clean sweep, this time in the shot put alongside Joe Kovacs and Josh Awotunde.

There were also US 1-2 finishes in the women's pole vault thanks to Katie Nageotte and Sandi Morris, and the 110m hurdles as Grant Holloway retained his title ahead of teammate Trey Cunningham.

Holloway's victory in the hurdles was marred by the withdrawal through injury of Jamaican Hansle Parchment while Devon Allen was dramatically ruled out after a heart-breaking false start on the same track where he starred as a college athlete.

Parchment, who had stunned Holloway to win Olympic gold last year, clipped a hurdle during the warm-up and left clutching his thigh.

Earlier, Uganda's Joshua Cheptegei retained the men's 10,000m, Ethiopia's Tamirat Tola won the men's marathon and American Brook Andersen claimed gold in the women's hammer throw.

The results:

Men: Marathon: 1. Tamirat Tola (Eth) 2:05:36s; 2. Mosinet Geremew (Eth) 2:06:44s; 3. Bashir Abdi (Bel) 2:06:48s.
10,000m: 1. Joshua Cheptegei (Uga) 27:27.43s; 2. Stanley Waithaka Mburu (Ken) 27:27.90s; 3. Jacob Kiplimo (Uga) 27:27.97s.
Shot put: 1. Ryan Crouser (USA) 22.94m; 2. Joe Kovacs (USA) 22.89m; 3. Josh Awotunde (USA) 22.29m.
110m hurdles: 1. Grant Holloway (USA) 13.03s; 2. Trey Cunningham (USA) 13.08s; 3. Asier Martinez (Esp) 13.17s.
Women: 100m: 1. Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce (Jam) 10.67s; 2. Shericka Jackson (Jam) 10.73s; 3. Elaine Thompson-Herah (Jam) 10.81s.
Pole vault: 1. Katie Nageotte (USA) 4.85m; 2. Sandi Morris (USA) 4.85m; 3. Nina Kennedy (Aus) 4.80m.
Hammer: 1. Brooke Andersen (USA) 78.96m; 2. Camryn Rogers (Can) 75.52m; 3. Janee Kassanavoid (USA) 74.86.

Peerless: Jamaicans Fraser-Pryce, Jackson and Thompson-Herah complete a first ever clean sweep of the women's 100m. • AFP

> **It was definitely something on the cards. It's special, it's my fifth world title in the 100m, and doing it at 35, yes I said 35!**
>
> – FRASER-PRYCE

Narinder Batra quits as FIH and IOA president

Ends all association with sports administration, citing 'personal reasons'

UTHRA GANESAN
NEW DELHI

Narinder Batra's long association with sports administration came to an end on Monday even as the beleaguered administrator was subjected to CBI searches in a corruption case across States. Batra resigned as the International Hockey Federation (FIH) president through a hand-written note citing 'personal reasons'.

Court order

He also tendered his resignation as the IOA president, even though he had already been asked to step aside by a court order of May 25 that termed his continuation as IOA president illegal.

The court struck down the post of 'life member' in Hockey India, which Batra held when he fought the IOA elections five years ago.

Batra. • FILE PHOTO

He was asked to formally resign on June 24. Batra has challenged the order while Anil Khanna has been named acting president. Batra also stepped down as member of the IOC, which was linked to his IOA role.

"Due to personal reasons I submit my resignation from the post of president FIH. Thank you for your support and guidance" Batra wrote to the FIH Executive Board. Batra had been elected for a second term last year, defeating Belgium's Marc Coudron.

While his resignation from the IOA and IOC was on expected lines, his decision to quit FIH comes as a surprise, especially given his announcement in May that he wouldn't seek re-election to IOA "to devote more time to the promotion of Hockey 5s and the Nations Cup".

"The Executive Board shall appoint an acting president to hold office until the FIH Congress appoints a person to fill the vacancy... a meeting of the EB will be organised as soon as possible... the next presidential elections will take place during the upcoming FIH Congress which is planned to be held virtually on 4 and 5 November this year," the FIH said in a statement.

CBI search

The resignations came on a day the CBI searched his premises in Delhi and Jammu in a corruption case accusing Batra of siphoning ₹35 lakh of Hockey India funds.

A petition had also been launched ahead of the July 15 FIH EB by former India coach Terry Walsh seeking his removal as FIH president.

Batra has been associated with Indian hockey since the early 2000s, in the erstwhile IHF and was instrumental in the removal of K.P.S. Gill and forming of Hockey India. He was also the DDCA treasurer from 2010-2013.

Smith hailed in Australia as LIV concerns grow

Speculation abounds that the British Open winner may join the rebel tour

GOLF

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
SYDNEY

Cameron Smith was lauded on Monday as a true champion in Australia, but his British Open win was marred by concerns that he could be about to jump ship to Greg Norman's rebel LIV tour.

The 28-year-old, who produced a stunning last round 64 to lift the Claret Jug, became the fifth Australian to claim the title alongside Peter Thomson, Kel Nagle, Ian Baker-Finch and Norman.

The *Sydney Morning Herald* called it "a staggering performance", while *The Australian* said he was "the best putter in the sport".

"Our champion. Congratulations Cameron Smith," said the PGA of Australia. But speculation mounted that he could defect to LIV.

It stemmed from him failing to quash talk in his post-win press conference that he could be the next big name tempted to take the huge signing-on fees being offered. "I don't know," Smith said when asked. "My team worries about all that stuff. I'm here to win tournaments."

Smith. • GETTY IMAGES

LIVE TELECAST

Sri Lanka vs Pakistan: 1st Test, day 4, Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 10 a.m.
England vs South Africa: 1st ODI, Sony Six (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 5.30 p.m.
TNPL 2022: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 7.15 p.m.
World Athletics Championships: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV & YouTube & Facebook channels, 5.30 a.m. (Wednesday)

IN BRIEF

Jeev finishes third in German senior tourney

VORBECK

Jeev Milkha Singh, playing his first year on the Legends Tour (for over 50), secured his first top-3 result at the Winstongolf Senior Open here. Jeev finished the final round with a superb five-under 67 for a total of six-under 210. His first two rounds were 70-73 at the 54-hole tournament. PTI

Vani finishes career-best T-3; Diksha tied 17th

ARNHEM

Vani Kapoor recorded a career-best result on the Ladies European Tour, finishing tied third in the 2022 Big Green Egg Open here on Sunday. Vani's previous best was a tied sixth at the Hero Women's Indian Open in 2017. Vani returned a five-under total, just two behind winner Anna Nordqvist. Diksha Dagar dropped to T-17, Amandeep Drall T-48 and Ridhima Dilawari T-57. PTI

Cameron Smith reaches No. 2 world ranking

ST. ANDREWS

Cameron Smith leapt five spots to No. 2 in the Official World Golf Ranking, a career best, as a result of winning The Open Championship on Sunday. Smith unseated Rory McIlroy, who dropped by one position, to lie behind Scottie Scheffler who remained No. 1 after tying for 21st at The Open. REUTERS

Cressy beats Bublik to ATP Hall of Fame title

NEWPORT

American Maxime Cressy won his first career ATP title on Sunday, rallying to defeat Kazakhstan's Alexander Bublik 2-6, 6-3, 7-6(3) in the Hall of Fame Open final. French-born Cressy, who became American in 2018, had lost two ATP finals this year — to Rafael Nadal at Melbourne in January and Taylor Fritz at Eastbourne last month. AFP

Mairaj Khan wins skeet gold

Indian women clinch bronze in rifle 3-position

SHOOTING WC

SPORTS BUREAU

Top shots: Mairaj flanked by Kim and Llewellin. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Mairaj Ahmad Khan competed hard to win the men's skeet gold in the shooting World Cup in Changwon, Korea, on Monday.

The 46-year-old Mairaj shot 119 in qualification and was tied for the last two slots with four others.

He won the shoot-off along with Niccolo Sodi of Italy, ahead of three-time World Champion and Olympic medallist, Abdullah Alrashidi, among others.

He topped the second stage of competition among the four, before beating Kim Minsu of Korea for the gold 37-36.

It may be recalled that Mairaj had lost the gold in the shoot-off in the World Cup in Rio in 2016, the last individual medal won by him in a World Cup.

The Indian women's rifle 3-position team of Anjum Moudgil, Ashi Chouksey, and Sift Kaur Samra won the bronze, behind Germany and Korea, by beating Austria 16-6.

Vijayveer misses out

In the men's 25-metre rapid fire pistol, Vijayveer Sidhu lost the shoot-off 2-4 to Dai Yoshioka of Japan, who went on to win the gold.

India continued to stay on top of the medals table with five gold, five silver and three bronze medals. Host Korea was second with three gold, three silver, and two bronze, and was followed by Serbia with three gold.

The results: 25m rapid fire pistol: 1. Dai Yosshioka (Jpn) 32 (16) 583, 2. Jean Quiquampoix (Fra) 31 (17) 582, 3. Lee Jaekyoon (Kor) 18 (16) 585; Vijayeer Sidhu 16 (584); 12. Anish Bhanwala 582; 30. Sameer 566.

50m rifle 3-position team women: 1. Germany 177 (881) 1324, 2. Korea 11 (880) 1312, 3. India (Anjum Moudgil, Ashi Chouksey, Sift Kaur Samra) 16 (872) 1310.

Skeet: Men: 1. Mairaj Ahmad Khan 37 (27) 119(12), 2. Kim Minsu (Kor) 36 (27) 120(12), 3. Ben Llewellin (GBR) 26 (26) 121(4).

Women: 1. Lucie Anastassiou (Fra) 34(11) 26 (118), 2. Amber Hill (GBR) 34(10) 29 (120), 3. Chiara Di Marziantonio (Ita) 23 (25) 117(12); 4. Nele Wissmer (Ger) 12 (26) 116(6); 23. Muffaddal Deesawala 108.

Cummins rested for two ODI series

Zampa, Agar and Abbott return

CRICKET

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

SYDNEY

Test captain Pat Cummins will miss Australia's upcoming one-day series against Zimbabwe and New Zealand, team bosses announced on Monday. Aaron Finch will lead a strong squad.

The pace spearhead has been rested for all six games in August-September at Townsville and Cairns, while batsman Travis Head will be absent for birth of his first child.

But leg-spinner Adam Zampa returns following the arrival of his first child while Ashton Agar (side strain) and Sean Abbott (broken finger) rejoin the squad.

Mitchell Swepson, Josh Inglis, Jhye Richardson and Matthew Kuhnemann drop out of the one-day line-up that last played Sri Lanka.

Cricket Australia said Cummins was being managed "through a period of rehabilitation and physical preparation for the upcoming summer".

Adam Zampa. • GETTY IMAGES

Australia will play three ODIs against Zimbabwe in Townsville from August 28 followed by three against New Zealand in Cairns from September 6.

The squad:

Aaron Finch (Capt.), Sean Abbott, Ashton Agar, Alex Carey, Cameron Green, Josh Hazlewood, Marnus Labuschagne, Mitchell Marsh, Glenn Maxwell, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc, Marcus Stoinis, David Warner and Adam Zampa.

Indian hockey women's team leaves for CWG

ANI

BARCELONA

The Indian women's hockey team left for London from here on Monday, ahead of the Commonwealth Games 2022.

The team will carry out a final preparation camp in Nottingham before leaving for Birmingham on July 23 to take part in the Games.

India finished joint-ninth with China at the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup Spain & Netherlands 2022, played between July 1 and 17.

Captain Savita said the team is determined to turn it around. "Unfortunately, we couldn't play to our potential at the Women's World Cup, but we are determined to turn our form around at the Commonwealth Games.

"We have a great squad with a fantastic balance of experienced and young players.

"We'll take a fresh start at the CWG and I am certain that we will be able to take on the best of teams in the competition."

Savita added that the team will be working on a few aspects of the game before the start of the competition.

Indian will meet Ghana in its opener on July 29.

Hyderabad racing season from July 21

VINAYAK M. ZODGE

The 2022 Hyderabad racing season will get underway from July 21 and end on October 31 as per the prospectus released by the Hyderabad Race Club (HRC).

The total advertised stakes money for the 28 race-days season is ₹11,65,30,000. The HRC will follow all Covid-19 norms/ regulations laid down by the Government of Telangana.

The stellar attraction of the season would be the Coromandel Gromor Deccan Derby (Gr. 1) scheduled to be run on October 2, with guaranteed stakes money of ₹5 million.

Apart from 21 'A' licensed trainers and 24 licensed jockeys/apprentice jockeys at the HRC, leading outstation trainer/jockeys are also expected to participate. 659 horses are in the station, including 192 two-year-olds.

Important races: K. Mahipathi Rao Memorial Golconda Juvenile Million (Aug. 7), Nizam's Gold Cup (Aug. 22), Governor's Cup (Aug. 28), Y. Shanker Rao Memorial Deccan Fillies Championship Stakes (Aug. 29), *Race2win.com* Deccan Colts Championship Stakes (Sept. 4), President Of India Gold Cup (Sept. 11), Coromandel Gromor Deccan Derby (Oct. 2) and Golconda St. Leger (Oct. 24).

Racing dates: **July:** 21 & 25; **August:** 1, 7, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 28 & 29; **September:** 4, 5, 11, 12, 17, 19, 25 & 26; **October:** 2, 3, 10, 14, 17, 22, 24, 27 & 31.

Wimbledon doubles champ Ebden joins TPL

The Australian will be the marquee player for the fourth edition

TENNIS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI

Reigning Wimbledon doubles champion Matthew Ebden of Australia will be the marquee player for the fourth Tennis Premier League (TPL), to be played at the Balewadi Stadium, Pune, from December 7 to 11.

"It has been a standout year of my career and at this time, I am delighted to be joining the TPL family to help extend this riveting form and grow its awareness internationally," said the 34-year-old Ebden, who was the doubles runner-up at the Australian Open this year.

"I have always had a special connection with India, and shared great relations with the Indian players on tour. I have huge appreciation for the passion Indians have for tennis and I have fond memories of Pune," said Ebden, who had partnered multiple Grand Slam champion Leander Paes on the Tour in 2020, and had also won a title with Divij Sharan.

New innings: Ebden says he shares great relation with the Indian players on tour. • FILE PHOTO

As part of the grassroots programme, the league will also have talent scouting events in October in Mumbai, Delhi, Hyderabad and Ahmedabad. There will be eight teams which will play on a league-cum-knock-out basis in a unique scoring format. Each tie will have men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles.

"I am excited about the talent that is coming to the league this season," said Paes.

Sunder Iyer, secretary, Maharashtra Tennis Association, expressed happiness and excitement about the league being packaged in a "highly entertaining format for fans".

Milan renews Ibrahimovic's contract

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE

MILAN

Zlatan Ibrahimovic has had his contract with seven-time European champion AC Milan extended by a year, the club said on Monday.

"AC Milan is pleased to announce the renewal of Zlatan Ibrahimovic's contract until June 30, 2023. The Swedish forward will continue to wear the No. 11 shirt," the club said in a statement.

Diya excited about maiden C'Wealth Games appearance

The teenager admits the selection controversy unsettled her and found it difficult to focus

TABLE TENNIS

AMOL KARHADKAR

MUMBAI

Diya Chitale has been dominating the domestic table tennis circuit for almost a decade. But more than her exploits on the table, it was her controversial exclusion before being included in India's squad for the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham that brought her into the national limelight.

"The entire team is bonding pretty well together. Only Manika di (Batra) has played in the Commonwealth Games earlier. Reeth di (Rishya), Sreeja (Akula) and I are playing for the first time. It's going to be a new experience for all of us," Diya said.

All the best: Kamlesh Mehta felicitates Diya at a function organised by Khar Gymkhana. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

After being left out of the provisional squad, it was only after a writ petition was filed in the Bombay High Court that the Delhi HC-appointed Committee of Administrators – appointed to run the Table Tennis Federation of India – decided to include Diya in the women's squad.

Diya admitted that it wasn't easy to focus on her training in Germany when the provisional squad was announced.

Support structure

"When the team was announced first, I was really disappointed. There was a bit of doubt as to whatever I did was worth it. But then my entire support structure – my parents, my coaches led by Sachin (Shetty) sir – told me that I had to keep pushing myself and be focused on the game.

"If not this time, then definitely next time. I am glad it's paid off this time around," she said.

"I hope to go there and not only look at the top table tennis players, but also other disciplines. P.V. Sindhu has been my idol and I hope to meet her It's definitely going to be a very big learning experience for me," she said.

Being the fourth member of the squad, she is set to be involved in the team championship and in women's doubles along with star paddler Manika.

"Never practised with Manika before. But she has been playing amazingly well in the last few years. I am definitely looking forward to pairing with her and learning from her," she said.

Sujeet tastes success

WRESTLING

SPORTS BUREAU

Sujeet fetched India's lone men's freestyle gold medal on the final day of the Zouhaier Sghaier Ranking Series wrestling tournament in Tunis, Tunisia, on Sunday.

Sujeet, who had claimed gold in Asian under-23 and Asian under-20 championships, secured his third successive title as he defeated 2021 Asian silver medallist and Matteo Pellicone gold medallist Adian Askarov of Kazakhstan 14-4, 2021 Poland Open champion John Diakomihalis of USA 8-2 and Argentine Olympian Agustin Destribats 15-4 in the 65kg weight class.

Sujeet. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Udit (57kg) lost to World champion and Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Thomas Gilman of the USA 9-8 in the final to take the silver.

Aman Sehrawat (61kg), Sagar Jaglan (74kg) and Viky Chahar (92kg) also performed well to bag silver medals. Karan Mor (70kg) and Gourav Baliyan (79kg) pocketed bronze medals.

Gold medals for Akanksha and Harshada

Soumya wins youth girls' 45kg bronze

WEIGHTLIFTING

SPORTS BUREAU

World junior champion Harshada Garud and Akanksha Vyavhare won gold medals in the Asian youth and junior weightlifting championships in Tashkent on Monday.

Harshada recorded 69kg in snatch and 88kg in clean and jerk to aggregate 157kg to clinch the junior women's 45kg title. She lifted four kg more than her Worlds showing.

Akanksha, a World youth silver medallist, lifted 55kg in snatch and 70kg in clean and jerk to total 125kg to win the gold in the youth girls' 40kg category.

She bettered her own clean and jerk National mark by one kg even though her aggregate was two kg less than her Worlds performance.

Soumya Dalvi (63kg, 82kg, 145kg), a World youth bronze medallist, took the bronze in the youth girls' 45kg category. She had lifted 148kg in the World youth championships.

S. Gurunaidu, the World youth champion in 55kg, performed below his best (104kg, 123kg, 227kg) to finish fourth in the youth boys' competition and seventh in the junior men's section. He had totalled 230kg in the World youth event.

'I'm ready for the new challenge'

Lewandowski determined to help Barca 'get back to the top'

FOOTBALL

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

MADRID

Polish striker Robert Lewandowski said Monday he was raring to go at new club Barcelona and determined to help them "return to the top and win as many titles as possible".

"I'm finally here. I'm delighted to be at Barça," the former Bayern Munich star told Barca TV after joining his new teammates in Miami where Barcelona is starting a four-match US tour this week.

"The last few days have been long, but finally an agreement has been reached. I'm ready to take on this new challenge," continued the 33-year-old.

"I've always wanted to play in *La Liga* and in the big teams, so Barca is a great opportunity for me. I'm here to help Barca get back to the top and win as many titles as possible."

Lewandowski...on new turf • INSTAGRAM/FCBARCELONA

Barcelona's last domestic title was in 2019 and the last Champions League trophy in 2015.

On Saturday, Bayern Munich announced that it had reached an agreement with Barcelona for Lewandowski after two months of endless negotiations between the clubs.

The two-time FIFA men's player of the year has reportedly agreed a four-year deal worth €50 million, including €5 million in potential add-ons.

Fourth summer transfer

He is the club's fourth summer transfer after Ivory Coast midfielder Franck Kessie from AC Milan and Chelsea defender Andreas Christensen on a free transfer, and Brazil winger Raphinha, recruited for €70 million from Leeds.

The club has also extended the contract of French winger Ousmane Dembele, who is committed until 2024.

A very generous transfer window for a club which suffered from an abysmal debt, exceeding € one billion in the long term, a few months ago.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Bengaluru FC signs Roy Krishna

Bengaluru FC, on Monday, announced the signing of star forward Roy Krishna on a two-year deal, the second of which is an optional extension, set to run until 2024.

The 34-year-old, who captains Fiji and has the most goals and appearances for his country, was most recently at ATK Mohun Bagan.

Krishna's signing, adding to the recent recruitment of creative midfielder Javi Hernandez, is sure to galvanise the club faithful who have had to put up with two below-par seasons.

Goals have particularly been hard to come by for BFC, with the side lacking a frontline forward to partner Sunil Chhetri ever since Miku left after helping BFC win its maiden ISL title in 2018-19.

In his three seasons in the ISL, Krishna has scored 36 goals and made 18 assists, and was joint top-scorer in the League twice – in 2019-20 with 15 goals as ATK lifted the ISL trophy and in 2020-21 with 14 goals as ATK Mohun Bagan reached the final.

Roy Krishna. • FILE PHOTO

Krishna is the club's sixth signing ahead of the 2022-23 campaign, following the arrivals of Hernandez, Prabir Das, Faisal Ali, Amrit Gope and Hira Mondal.

BSNL SC and Vivek's SC take honours

Akshay (33 points) and Nakul (25) starred for Bharath SU as it defeated BSNL SC 84-68 to clinch the M.C. Srinivasa Memorial Trophy for State B-division basketball league, here on Monday.

The S. Rangarajan Memorial Trophy for C-division champions went to Vivek's SC, which beat Vimanapura SC 73-57.

The results (finals): B-div: Bharath SU 84 (Akshay 33, Nakul 25) bt BSNL SC 68 (Yesu 22, Hareesh 14); C-div: Vivek's SC 73 (Joshua 22, Jeffery 16) bt Vimanapura SC 57 (Rahul 15, Aditya 14).